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MONT VERNON NEW HAMPSHIRE

BICENTENNIAL EDITION



TOWN AND SCHOOL REPORTS

2003



TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
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| | GENERAL GOVERNMENT: | | | |
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| | EXECUTIVE | | | |
| 4-01-01081 | SELECTMAN CHAIRMAN | 1,200 | 1200 | 1,200 |
| 4-01-01082 | SELECTMAN #2 | 1,000 | 1000 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-01083 | SELECTMAN #3 | 1,000 | 1000 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-01084 | TAX COLLECTOR | 5,665 | 5637 | 5,834 |
| 4-01-01085 | TOWN CLERK | 5,331 | 4980 | 6,666 |
| 4-01-01086 | TREASURER/DEPUTY TREASURER | 1,390 | 1390 | 1,432 |
| 4-01-01087 | WELFARE OFFICER | 412 | 412 | 424 |
| 4-01-01088 | HEALTH OFFICER | 103 | 103 | 106 |
| 4-01-01089 | AUDITORS (2) | 206 | 16 | 212 |
| 4-01-01090 | DEPUTY TOWN CLERK | 4,674 | 4718 | 5,261 |
| 4-01-01091 | DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR | 515 | 708 | 600 |
| 4-01-01092 | FICA/MEDICARE | 1,652 | 1988 | 1,816 |
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| | TOTAL TOWN OFFICERS SALARY | 23,148 | 23,152 | 25,551 |
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2004 DETAILED OPERATING BUDGET**

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The front cover design has been the logo for Mont Vernon's bicentennial. It was drawn by Dawn Lyon.

The back cover photography by John Benjamin.

The collages on the inside of the front and back cover represent a portion of the monthly events which took place throughout Mont Vernon's Bicentennial year.

The front cover collage:

January: Flannel and Fritz (Wetherbee)

Anne Dodd, Shirley Levesque, Janet Silva, Zoe Fimbel, Fritz Wetherbee, Eileen Naber, Dawn Lyon, Carl Silva and Jay Wilson.

February: Souper Sledding at Lamson Farm

Zoe Fimbel, Caitlin Tanner, Holly Fimbel and Kristen Tanner.
The Mooving Story of Mont Vernon.
Matthew Philbrick, Drew Fowler, Julie St. Pierre, Samantha Williams, Angela Fontaine, Nancy Sandahl and Jay Wilson.
The 2003 fifth grade class.

March: Town Meeting Meal and On My Own Time Exhibit

Al Carleton's taxidermy collection, Betty Ryder and Sandra Kent's spinning Group, Al Hazen, Lois Boericke and Roberta Wilkins.

April: Swing Dance

Linda and James Henderson.

May: Beginning the Bicentennial Stonewall

The Chamberlain family; Thomas, Laurie, Morgan, Nathaniel, Mallory and Tatum.

Historical Society Cookbook Recipe Sampling & Museum Open House

Sandra Kent.

June: The 2003 Fifth Grade Quilt

July: Completion of the Bicentennial Stonewall

Chris Carter, Zoe Fimbel and Victor Felton.

Classic Car Show

Marilyn and Peter Savage.

Town Tourneys

Volleyball

ANNUAL REPORTS

Of The Town Offices of

MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

Also

Offices of the School District

For the Year Ending June 30, 2003

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TOWN OFFICERS

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Peter Savage, Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| P. Michael Fimbel, Selectman | Term Expires 2004 |
| John E. Koch, Selectman | Term Expires 2005 |
| Gerry Griffin, Treasurer | Term Expires 2004 |
| Stanley Smith, Deputy Treasurer | |
| Marilyn Savage, Town Clerk | Term Expires 2004 |
| Jeanette Vinton, Deputy Town Clerk | |
| Pauline Quinn-Stepney, Deputy Town Clerk | |
| Sally Benjamin, Tax Collector | Term Expires 2004 |
| Barbara A. Walker, Secretary to the Selectmen | |
| Laurie Brown, Assist. Secretary to the Selectmen | |
| Peter Hayden, Moderator | Term Expires 2004 |
| Mark P. Schultz, Police Chief | |
| Steve Workman, Emergency Director | |
| Kevin Pomeroy, Fire Chief | |
| Leonard (Bart) Randall, Building Inspector | |
| Christopher Carter, Director of Public Works | |
| David Testerman, Welfare Officer | |
| Sheila Clegg, Health Officer | |

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| John Morison, III | Term Expires 2006 |
| Eileen E. Naber | Term Expires 2004 |
| Kenneth Lynch | Term Expires 2005 |

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Darold Rorabacher | Term Expires 2006 |
| Richard Quintal | Term Expires 2004 |
| Alton Ryder | Term Expires 2005 |

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Janice M. Quinn | Term Expires 2006 |
| Judith Brophy | Term Expires 2004 |
| John S. Benjamin | Term Expires 2005 |

FIRE WARDS

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Kevin Pomeroy | Term Expires 2006 |
| Jay Wilson | Term Expires 2004 |
| Sean Mamone | Term Expires 2005 |

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sheril Porter, Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Joseph Conrad | Term Expires 2004 |
| Alton Ryder | Term Expires 2008 |

RECREATION COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paul Philbrick, Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Robert Peret, Treasurer | Term Expires 2004 |
| Kathleen Fitzgerald, Secretary | Term Expires 2004 |
| Jeanne Morin | Term Expires 2005 |
| Kenneth Dobbs | Term Expires 2006 |
| Peter King, Alternate | |

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| John E. Koch, Sel. Rep. | Term Expires 2005 |
| Susan King | Term Expires 2004 |
| Hedley Parsons, Alternate | |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Victoria Arico, Chairman | Term Expires 2005 |
| John Walsh, Vice Chairman | Term Expires 2004 |
| Annette Immorlica, Secretary | Term Expires 2006 |
| Peter Savage, Sel. Rep. | Term Expires 2006 |
| James Bird | Term Expires 2006 |
| Lucien Soucy | Term Expires 2004 |
| Gerry Griffin | Term Expires 2004 |
| Jackie O'Dowd, Administrative Assistant | |
| Kevin Pomeroy, Alternate | |
| Mark Murdock, Alternate | |
| Linda Foster, Alternate | |

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

| |
|------------------------------|
| P. Michael Fimbel, Sel. Rep. |
| Victoria Arico |

IMPACT FEE STUDY COMMITTEE

| |
|----------------|
| Victoria Arico |
| Walter Collins |
| Gerry Griffin |
| Bill O'Brien |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Carl Hedberg, Chairman | Term Expires 2004 |
| Jane Flythe, Vice Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Earl Rich | Term Expires 2005 |
| James Bird | Term Expires 2005 |
| Garth Witty | Term Expires 2005 |
| Elizabeth Cleveland | Term Expires 2006 |
| Tevis Baier, Alternate | |
| Anne LaPlante, Alternate | |
| Patti Hageman, Alternate | |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Walter Collins, Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Joseph Conrad | Term Expires 2006 |
| Roger Pinchard | Term Expires 2004 |
| H. Allen MacGillivray | Term Expires 2005 |
| Jeanette Vinton | Term Expires 2005 |
| Eloise Carelton, Alternate | |
| Gloria Skenderian, Alternate | |
| Judith Briske, Alternate | |
| JoAnn Smith, Alternate | |

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Wolf, Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Peter Savage, Sel. Rep. | Term Expires 2006 |
| Linda Wildes | Term Expires 2004 |
| Tim Hagerman | Term Expires 2004 |
| Bill Wildes | |
| Ted Covert, Alternate | |

LAMSON FARM COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Elliot Lyon, Jr., Chairman | Term Expires 2006 |
| Dawn Lyon, Treasurer | Term Expires 2005 |
| JoAnne Griffin | Term Expires 2004 |
| Kevin Pomeroy | Term Expires 2004 |
| Zoe Fimbel, Hist. Soc. Rep. | Term Expires 2006 |
| Kathleen Fitzgerald, Rec. Comm. Rep. | Term Expires 2004 |

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM - 2:00 PM, MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

SELECTMEN -673-6080 office/673-5995 fax
Meetings; first four Mondays of each month beginning at 7:30 PM

TAX COLLECTOR - 673-6083 office/673-5995 fax
Hours; Monday evening from 7:00 PM - 9:00PM
Tuesdays from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

BUILDING INSPECTOR - 673-6080
Hours; Monday evening from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM or by appointment

PLANNING BOARD - 673-6080
Hours; Wednesdays 10:00AM - 1:00 PM
Meetings; 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Meetings; 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 8:00PM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meetings; 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM

TOWN CLERK - McCOLLOM BUILDING - 673-9126
Hours; Monday & Wednesday evening from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

DALAND LIBRARY - 673-7888
Hours; Sunday & Monday - Closed
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM
Friday 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

TRANSFER STATION
HOURS; WINTER (Nov. 1st - Mar. 31st) SUMMER (Apr 1st - Oct.31st)
Tue. & Thur. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tue. & Thur. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Permit sticker are required and can be obtained at Transfer Station or Town Hall

2004 TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF MONT VERNON
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Village School to act on Articles 1, and 2. The remaining Articles will be considered at 7:30 p.m. at the Village School.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF MONT VERNON, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Village School in said Mont Vernon, on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2.

To see if the town is in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board.
(Planning Board recommends 5-1)

Current Regulation:

I-304.5 (b) 5 acre lots must contain a net land tract of 5 acres.

I-304.5 (c) 2 acre lots must contain a net land tract of 2 acres.

Proposed Regulation:

I-304.5 (b) 5 acre lots must contain **not less than 5 acres** of land.

I-304.5 (c) 2 acre lots must contain **not less than 2 acres** of land.

Article 3. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

Bond issue to purchase Route 13 View Lots.... Ballot vote required.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$138,000) for the acquisition of the View Lots (Tax Map #'s 10-23, 10-24) as Open Space land by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land in the Town of Mont Vernon, and to authorize the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisition of open space lands pursuant to NH RSA 36-A, and to further authorize the issuance of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA, Chapter 33) for the acquisition of said property, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interests thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Selectmen oppose 2-1)

Article 4.

Bond issue for Highway Garage.... Ballot vote required.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$452,630) for the construction of a new highway garage building on land owned by the Town; for equipping and furnishing of said building, for site development, architectural and other service fees; and for any other items incidental thereto and necessary for said construction. Said appropriation to be raised in part by the issuance of and sale of bonds or notes on the credit of the Town, in accordance with the provisions of RSA Chapter 33, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$392,482); to authorize the Selectmen to determine the time and place of payment of principal and interest, fixing the bonds, and all other matters in connection therewith; and to further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$60,148) from the highway garage capital reserve fund for the above purposes; (2/3 ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend 2-1)

Article 5.

Bond issue to purchase Lot 7-19.... Ballot vote required.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) for the purpose of purchasing Lot 7-19, 65 acres between Lamson Farm and Rte 13. Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) from the Conservation Commission Fund to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend 2-1)

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. (Majority vote required)

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8.

SPECIAL PURPOSE 5 YEAR NON-LAPSING ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$71, 287) for the reconstruction of Town roads. This article will be a five-year, non-lapsing article under the provisions of RSA 32:7VI. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$203,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Tanker Truck and Related Equipment; to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$20,300) from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund; the remaining One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$182,700) to be provided by a Federal Grant. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for remedial repairs to the existing Fire Station. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1, for the construction of a new Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed into this fund. (Selectmen recommend 2-1)

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1. for the purpose of purchasing or replacing Fire Trucks. (Selectmen recommend 2-1)

Article 13. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a wording to account for revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any surplus remaining in the Land Use Change Tax fund shall not be part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity at an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the Land Use Change Tax Fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any un-appropriated balance of the Land Use Change Tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year. (Selectmen unanimously oppose)

Article 14. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to increase the percentage of the Land Use Change Tax (collected pursuant to RSA 79-A) and deposited in the Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 II from zero (0%) to one hundred percent (100%) of the revenues collected as governed by RSA 36-A:5. These funds will be allocated to the Conservation Commission for the purchase and optioning of land, rights, easements, (and associated costs) to protect the rural character of Mont Vernon. Implementation requires the signing of legal documents by the Board of Selectmen (a majority vote is required).
(Selectmen unanimously oppose)

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 36 A:5 for the purposes of purchasing land, development rights, easements, or other instruments necessary for the protection of the natural resources in the Town. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Three Dollars (\$1,089,803) for the 2004 operating and maintenance budget, exclusive of warrant articles. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0)
(Majority vote required)

Article 17.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Margaret Circle as shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agent.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Dutton Circle as shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agents.

Article 19. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town will authorize the renaming of Hopkins Road to Dow Road to accommodate current residents, who have been living there for up to four years, that have a Dow Road address.

Article 20. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to pave the unpaved portion of Cemetery Road.

Article 21.

To act on reports of all Town Officers, Agents, Auditors, Committees, etc. and raise and appropriate any money relative thereto.

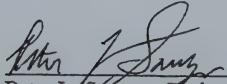
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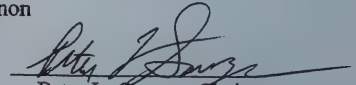
To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

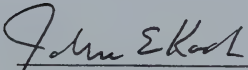
Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Four.

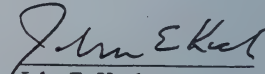
A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Selectmen of Mont Vernon

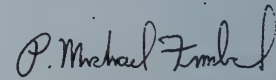

Peter L. Savage, Chairman


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John E. Koch


John E. Koch


P. Michael Fimbel


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SELECTMEN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2003

The year 2003 was a year of celebration for the Town of Mont Vernon with the town celebrating its Two Hundred Year Anniversary. The Bicentennial committee, co-chaired by Dawn Lyon, Zoe Fimbel, and Jay Wilson and with the help of many volunteers, created a calendar of events, with one event scheduled each month of the year with a fireworks grand finale occurring on December 15th.

The town also has been awarded a government grant for the sum of One Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars (\$182,000) from the Federal Government for the purchase of a new Fire Department tanker truck. In order for the town to qualify and apply for such grants many hours of research and grant writing must first occur. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Immorlica for his time and efforts related to obtaining this grant.

One of the major challenges still facing the town is the town's rate of growth and the burden it places on the town's infrastructure and subsequent tax rate. Capital improvements for the town are projected and planned based upon expected growth rates and when the growth rate is accelerated we place additional pressure on existing town and school services.

The Mont Vernon tax rate rose to \$29.54 up \$1.64 from the previous years rate of \$27.90. The tax rate for the town is set based upon budgets that are approved during the annual town and school district meetings. If you want a say in what gets approved for the town and school budgets it is important that you attend these meeting. It is interesting to note that many more people attend the town meeting than attend the school district meeting considering that most of the monies, collected in taxes, are spent to support the town's schools.

Mont Vernon is a small town and many of the town's job functions are staffed with volunteer help. Many residents volunteer their time and effort by serving on the various boards (planning board, conservation commission, zoning board, etc.) and without their help the town could not function.

There are many roles one can volunteer to perform and I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to participate in any area of interest. Mont Vernon is a wonderful community and a great place to live, but will only remain so if the people who live in town get involved and participate.

For the town folks already participating in the various boards and committees, thank you for your time and effort! For the folks who are not, we need your help!

Board of Selectmen,

Peter L. Savage, Chairman

John E. Koch

P. Michael Fimbel

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31,2003

ASSETS

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| CASH and EQUIVALENTS | \$1,727,997 |
| TAXES RECEIVABLE | \$279,655 |
| TAX LIENS RECEIVABLE | \$109,331 |
| ELDERLY LIENS RECEIVABLE | \$18,105 |
| REC FROM CAPITAL RESERVE | \$725 |
| TAX DEEDED PROPERTY | <u>\$21,562</u> |

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| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$2,157,375</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|

LIABILITIES

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| DUE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS | \$1,461,366 |
| ROAD BONDS RETURNABLE | <u>\$33,521</u> |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>\$1,494,887</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|

FUND EQUITY

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| RESERVED FOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS | \$65,244 |
| RESERVED FOR REASSESSMENT | \$72,222 |
| UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE | <u>\$525,022</u> |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE | <u>\$662,488</u> |
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|--|---------------------------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANC | <u>\$2,157,375</u> |
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**TOWN OF MONT VERNON
REVENUE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2003**

| REVENUE SOURCE | ESTIMATED REVENUE | ACTUAL REVENUE | INCREASE (DECREASE) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LAND USE CHANGE TAX | \$ 14,578 | \$ 19,891 | \$ 5,313 |
| TIMBER TAX | \$ 5,139 | \$ 5,139 | \$ - |
| INTEREST AND PENALTIES | | | |
| ON DELINQUENT TAXES | \$ 30,000 | \$ 35,900 | \$ 5,900 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL | | | |
| PROPERTY TAXES | \$ 350,000 | \$ 360,989 | \$ 10,989 |
| BUILDING PERMITS | \$ 8,600 | \$ 9,818 | \$ 1,218 |
| OTHER LICENSES AND FEES | \$ 7,000 | \$ 7,179 | \$ 179 |
| REVENUE FROM THE STATE | | | |
| SHARED REVENUE | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,255 | \$ 255 |
| MEALS AND ROOMS | \$ 46,000 | \$ 65,342 | \$ 19,342 |
| HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT | \$ 70,087 | \$ 70,087 | \$ - |
| INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS | \$ 30,000 | \$ 43,483 | \$ 13,483 |
| INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS | \$ 15,000 | \$ 11,496 | \$ (3,504) |
| INSURANCE REFUNDS | \$ 5,200 | \$ 5,210 | \$ 10 |
| BICENTENTIAL SALES | \$ - | \$ 6,360 | \$ 6,360 |
| FEDERAL GRANTS | \$ - | \$ 18,625 | \$ 18,625 |
| SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY | \$ 14,000 | \$ 16,179 | \$ 2,179 |
| TOTALS | \$ 615,604 | \$ 695,953 | \$ 80,349 |
| MEMO ON OTHER RECPTS | | | |
| TRANS FROM CAP RESERVE | | | |
| FR END LOADER PURC | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | |
| HWY GARAGE ENGR | \$ 20,000 | \$ 13,000 | |
| BICENTENNIAL EXPENSES | \$ 10,787 | \$ 11,068 | |
| ROAD BOND RECEIPTS | N/A | \$ 167,325 | |
| MEMO: GRAND TOTAL | | \$ 962,346 | |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
DISBURSEMENT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2003

| | VOTED | SPENT | DIFF |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| TOWN OFFICER'S SALARIES | \$ 23,148 | \$ 23,152 | \$ 4 |
| SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES | \$ 62,640 | \$ 66,245 | \$ 3,605 |
| TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES | \$ 6,860 | \$ 6,308 | \$ (552) |
| TOWN CLEK'S EXPENSES | \$ 7,318 | \$ 6,659 | \$ (659) |
| ELECTIONS | \$ 1,300 | \$ 840 | \$ (460) |
| TOWN HALL BUILDING EXP | \$ 5,500 | \$ 6,554 | \$ 1,054 |
| MCCOLLOM BUILDING EXP | \$ 52,300 | \$ 46,595 | \$ (5,705) |
| FIRE HOUSE BUILDING EXP | \$ 5,800 | \$ 6,682 | \$ 882 |
| REAPPRAISAL OF PROPERTY | \$ 6,200 | \$ 6,218 | \$ 18 |
| PLANNING AND ZONING | \$ 15,124 | \$ 14,132 | \$ (992) |
| LEGAL EXPENSES | \$ 10,350 | \$ 14,022 | \$ 3,672 |
| REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS | \$ 2,699 | \$ 2,657 | \$ (42) |
| INSURANCE | \$ 26,387 | \$ 29,629 | \$ 3,242 |
| TRUST FUND TRUSTEE EXP | \$ 1,952 | \$ 1,938 | \$ (14) |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$ 208,529 | \$ 219,100 | \$ 10,571 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | \$ 31,585 | \$ 31,297 | \$ (288) |
| MACC BASE EXP | \$ 31,860 | \$ 31,860 | \$ - |
| PUBLIC WORKS DEPT | \$ 357,417 | \$ 351,553 | \$ (5,864) |
| HIGHWAY DEPT | \$ 39,160 | \$ 59,074 | \$ 19,914 |
| STREET LIGHTING | \$ 4,000 | \$ 3,839 | \$ (161) |
| SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | \$ 97,336 | \$ 98,757 | \$ 1,421 |
| HEALTH DEPT | \$ 21,140 | \$ 21,065 | \$ (75) |
| WELFARE EXP | \$ 7,500 | \$ 5,495 | \$ (2,005) |
| LIBRARY EXP | \$ 41,916 | \$ 39,843 | \$ (2,073) |
| RECREATION EXP | \$ 4,340 | \$ 4,772 | \$ 432 |
| MEMORIAL DAY EXP | \$ 300 | \$ 459 | \$ 159 |
| CONSERVATION COMM. EXP | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ - |
| INTEREST EXP | \$ 1,000 | \$ 705 | \$ (295) |
| SUB-TOTAL OPERATING EXPS | \$ 1,075,161 | \$ 1,100,950 | \$ 25,789 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
DISBURSEMENT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2003

| | VOTED | SPENT | DIFF |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| WARRANT ARTICLES | | | |
| TOWN ROADS | \$ 175,250 | \$ 112,175 | \$ (63,075) |
| BICENTENNIAL EXP | \$ 34,998 | \$ 24,957 | \$ (10,041) |
| CONSERVATION | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ - |
| CAP RESV FIRE TRUCK | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ - |
| CAP RESV HWY GARAGE | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - |
| FR END LOADER PURCHASE | \$ 75,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ - |
| HWY SITE PRELIM ENGR | \$ 20,000 | \$ 13,000 | \$ (7,000) |
| TOWN REEVALUATION | \$ 90,000 | \$ 17,778 | \$ (72,222) |
| CAP RESERVE LIBRARY | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| SUB TOTAL WARRANTS | \$ 485,248 | \$ 332,910 | \$ (152,338) |
| TOTAL OPERATING AND WARRANTS | \$ 1,560,409 | \$ 1,433,860 | \$ (126,549) |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| OTHER EXPENDITURES | | | |
| TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN | \$ - | \$ 86,774 | N/A |
| REFUNDS OF TAXES | \$ - | \$ 14,490 | N/A |
| ROAD BONDS RETURNED | \$ - | \$ 167,777 | N/A |
| BICENTENNIAL EXPENSES | | | |
| PD FROM CAP RESERVE | | \$ 10,787 | N/A |
| TOTAL OTHER EXPEND | | \$ 279,828 | N/A |
| | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$ 1,713,688 | N/A |

Budget - Town of Mont Vernon FY - 2004

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | Appropriations 2003 | Actual Expenditures 2003 | Appropriations 2004 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Executive | 23,148 | 23,152 | 25,551 |
| Election Reg/Vital Statistics | 1,300 | 840 | 1,347 |
| Financial Administration | 76,818 | 79,213 | 86,792 |
| Revaluation Of Property | 6,200 | 6,218 | 6,200 |
| Legal Expense | 10,350 | 14,022 | 10,350 |
| Planning & Zoning | 15,124 | 14,132 | 14,921 |
| General Govt. Buildings | 63,600 | 59,831 | 21,700 |
| Insurance | 26,387 | 29,629 | 36,723 |
| Advertising & Regional Assoc. | 2,699 | 2,657 | 2,805 |
| Other General Government | 1,952 | 1,938 | 2,015 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Police | 208,529 | 219,099 | 249,297 |
| Ambulance | 17,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| Fire | 31,585 | 31,300 | 34,256 |
| Communications | 31,860 | 31,860 | 40,519 |

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Highways & Streets | 396,577 | 410,626 | 366,815 |
| Street Lighting | 4,000 | 3,839 | 4,000 |

SANITATION

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Solid Waste Collection | 97,336 | 98,756 | 104,254 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|

HEALTH

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Health Agencies, Hospitals | 4,140 | 4,065 | 4,140 |
| and Other | | | |

WELFARE

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Administration & Direct Assist. | 7,500 | 5,495 | 7,500 |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|

Budget - Town of Mont Vernon FY - 2004

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION | Appropriations 2003 | Actual Expenditures 2003 | Appropriations 2004 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|

CULTURE & RECREATION

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Parks and Recreation | 4,340 | 4,773 | 7,250 |
| Library | 41,916 | 39,844 | 43,368 |
| Patriotic Purposes | 300 | 459 | 500 |

CONSERVATION

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Administration & Purchase of | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Natural Resources | | | |

DEBT SERVICE

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Int. On Long Term Bonds & Note | 1,000 | 705 | 1,000 |
| Int. On Tax Anticipation Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL | 1,075,161 | 1,100,953 | 1,089,803 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

| PURPOSE OF WARRANT ARTICLE | WARRANT ARTICLE # | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Route 13 View Lots | 3 | \$ 138,000.00 |
| Highway Garage | 4 | \$ 392,482.00 |
| Lot 7-19 (65 Acres) | 5 | \$ 320,000.00 |
| Town Roads | 8 | \$ 71,287.00 |
| Fire Truck | 9 | \$ 203,000.00 |
| Fire Station Repairs | 10 | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Fire Station Capital Reserve | 11 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Fire Truck Capital Reserve | 12 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Conservation Commission Fund | 15 | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Town Operating Budget | 16 | \$ 1,089,803.00 |
| | | |

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|------------------|------------------------|
| SUB TOTAL | \$ 2,293,572.00 |
|------------------|------------------------|

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$3,383,375.00 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|

Detail on proposed budget located on page 111 of the town report.

| Permit # | Owner/Builder | New Homes | Alteration and Additions | Accessory Buildings |
|----------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 585 | Edward Gilbert | | | \$2,500.00 |
| 586 | John Hazen | | \$10,000.00 | |
| 587 | Steve Roberge | | \$2,000.00 | |
| 588 | Snowbrook Const. | \$200,000.00 | | |
| 589 | John Griffith | | \$150,000.00 | |
| 590 | Kelly Parlman | | | \$7,500.00 |
| 591 | John Quinlan | \$539,000.00 | | |
| 592 | Robert Shattuck | | \$6,000.00 | |
| 593 | John Albert | | | \$10,000.00 |
| 594 | Kevin Stewart | | | \$10,000.00 |
| 595 | Thomas Harris | | \$50,000.00 | |
| 596 | Kelridge Developer | | | \$27,000.00 |
| 597 | Hines & McMillan | | \$40,000.00 | |
| 598 | Hall & Hall | \$350,000.00 | | |
| 599 | Tod Gavron | | \$300,000.00 | |
| 600 | George Tocher | | \$63,000.00 | |
| 601 | Tammy Scott | | \$12,000.00 | |
| 602 | Wesley Robinson | | | \$16,000.00*** |
| 603 | Kimberly Kershlis | \$230,000.00 | | |
| 604 | David Cloutier | | \$3,000.00 | |
| 605 | George Durham | | | \$4,200.00 |
| 606 | Dino Lammana | | \$2,500.00 | |
| 607 | Clarke Eveleth | | | \$3,200.00*** |
| 608 | Jason Hobbs | \$95,000.00 | | |
| 609 | Gary Peters | | | \$6,000.00 |
| 610 | Gary Peters | | | \$2,000.00 |
| 611 | Thomas Whale | | \$20,000.00 | |
| 612 | Alex Tossel | | \$45,000.00 | |
| 613 | Town of Mont Vernon | | | \$340.00* |
| 614 | Paul Liscord | | \$18,000.00 | |
| 615 | Northwind Maint. | \$375,000.00 | | |
| 616 | Castonguay Elec. | | | \$1,000.00 |
| 617 | Michael Albanese | | | \$24,000.00 |
| 618 | Keith Bazarnick | | \$60,000.00 | |
| 619 | Gregory Walker | | \$20,000.00 | |
| 620 | Kevin Schmidlein | | \$15,000.00 | |
| 621 | Albert Hayes | \$400,000.00 | | |
| 622 | Michael Dufoe | \$400,000.00 | | |
| 623 | Ben Jager | | | \$8,500.00 |

| | | | | |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 624 | Nancy Yarrish | | \$6,000.00 | |
| 625 | Robert Bragson | | \$10,500.00 | |
| 626 | Paul Gagnon | | \$20,000.00 | |
| 627 | Don Dibble | \$108,000.00 | | |
| 628 | Linda Melinger | | \$20,000.00 | |
| 629 | Douglas Desroisers | | \$5,000.00 | |
| 630 | Steven Lilmen | | \$2,000.00 | |
| 603-A | Kimberly Kershliis | | \$2,000.00 | |
| 631 | Snowbrook Const. | \$200,000.00 | | |
| 632 | Kelridge Developer | \$300,000.00 | | |
| 633 | John Quinlan | | | \$90,000.00 |
| 634 | Weldon Sanford | | \$100,000.00 | |
| 635 | Ryan Electric | | | \$2,000.00 |
| 636 | David Upton | | \$30,000.00 | |
| 637 | Michael Cianci | \$320,000.00 | | |
| 638 | Ron Etlinger | | \$3,800.00 | |
| 639 | Cathy Bosch | | \$200,000.00 | |
| 640 | Elliot Cust. Homes | \$300,000.00 | | |
| 641 | Elliot Cust. Homes | \$350,000.00 | | |
| 642 | Michael Flint | | \$8,000.00 | |
| 643 | Steven Garrant | \$385,000.00 | | |
| 644 | Elliot Lyon Jr. | | | \$1,800.00 |
| 645 | AT&T Tower | | | \$38,000.00 |
| 646 | Shawn Bertrand | | \$24,000.00 | |
| 647 | Jason Howe | | | \$3,200.00 |
| 648 | Bob Buzzell | | \$5,000.00 | |
| 649 | Thomas Naegeli | | | \$20,000.00 |
| 650 | Hall & Hall Group | \$400,000.00 | | |
| 651 | Hazel Milligan | | | * |
| 652 | Kathleen Martin | \$66,000.00** | | |
| 653 | Ethan Howard | | | \$1,800.00 |
| 564 | Paul Apple | | \$45,000.00 | |
| 655 | Beth Kubic | | \$80,000.00 | |
| 656 | Charles Walla | | \$800.00 | |
| 657 | Kimberly Kershliis | | | \$4,000.00 |
| 658 | Marcos Homes | \$380,000.00 | | |
| 659 | Daniel Carlen | | \$17,000.00 | |
| 660 | Paul Butler | | | |
| | TOTAL | \$5,332,000.00 | \$1,276,800.00 | \$476,540.00 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | \$7,082,340.00 | | |

* =Electric

** =Mobile Home

***=Swimming Pool

Respectfully Submitted

Leonard "Bart" Randall

Building Inspector

Cemetery Trustees, 2003

The stumps still litter the Western corner; stumping seems to be a very expensive undertaking. Next year the surface will be stumped, cleaned and smoothed, and we will make a contour map of the underlying ledge in preparation for designing the expansion.

We continue to install lot boundary markers in existing rows.

Repeating a note from last year, the cemetery web site is at <http://cemetery.mont-vernon.nh.us/>. Helpful information and all of our constituency documents can be found there.

Payments:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Karl Banach | buy back lots #B2 B3 | \$800. |
| Mike Riccitelli | burials and loam..... | 2,490. |
| Medlyn Monument | stone repair | 50. |
| Darold Rorabacher | burial..... | 40. |
| NH Cemetery Assoc. | dues & meeting expenses | 155. |
| Town of Mont Vernon | 1/3 of the mowing and cleaning costs | 683.07 |
| Trustees of Trust Funds | perpetual care for lots sold | <u>1,120.</u> |
| | total payments | <u>\$5,338.07</u> |

Incomes:

| | | |
|----------------|---|-------------------|
| Lot sales | [Chisholm, Morse, Thomas]..... | 1,600. |
| Burials | [Stone, Chisholm, Morse, Thomas, Fornier, Lambarth] | 2,550. |
| Daland Trust | | 21. |
| Bank | interest on the checking account..... | 12.62 |
| Perpetual care | mowing, gate, stone..... | <u>816.40</u> |
| | total inflows | <u>\$5,000.02</u> |
| | deficit..... | <u>\$338.05</u> |

Proof:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| bank balance 12/31/03 | | \$866.82 |
| bank balance 12/31/02 | | <u>\$1,638.20</u> |
| | deficit..... | <u>\$338.05</u> |

Trustees:

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Alton Ryder | '04 |
| Darold Rorabacher | '05 |
| Richard Quintal | '06 |

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission 2003 Report

Have you seen your tax bill? Most of us have a sense that residential tax revenues fail to pay for the community services required by those residences. The Conservation Commission decided to put some hard numbers to that assumption by initiating a Cost of Community Services Study (COCS). The report generates a 'tax income to services expense ratio' by land-use type; residential, commercial /industrial, and open space. We have almost zero commercial-industrial land use, so here are the two ratios you need to consider:

| Residential | Open Space |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$1.00 : \$1.03 | \$1.00 : \$0.08 |

What this means is that we spend \$1.03 for every dollar we take in from residential land use. Better put, for every \$10,000 in property tax and other revenues the town receives from residential land use, it spends \$10,300 to provide services. Other the other hand, we spend *less than a dime* to provide services for each dollar we receive in revenue from open space. Clearly, open space pays its way in Mont Vernon, and we would argue that in fact open space subsidizes the costs associated with residential development in town. For this reason we are asking that revenue that is received from the Land Use Change Tax be directed to the Conservation Commission rather than into the General Fund.

As always, nearly all of the efforts of the Conservation Commission this year have been aimed at preserving open space:

- We purchased an easement on the Purgatory Watershed property for \$10,000. Thanks to everyone who contributed to their effort, and especially to Joanne Draghetti and Barry Salussolia for their tireless devotion to that cause.
- We paid Dave Hall \$4,800 for an option on his view lots so that the town could vote on whether to acquire those parcels. This parcel was listed in the 2000 Master Plan as one of the top ten scenic views to preserve.
- We spent \$2,200 to have an appraisal conducted on an important 60+ acre parcel of land along Route 13 that abuts Lamson Farm. At Town Meeting the town will have the chance to vote on purchasing the land and saving it from imminent residential development.
- We have developed an open space committee charged with identifying funding methods and criteria for the purchase of open space in order to preserve Mont Vernon's natural resources.

In the coming year we are planning to search for more valuable and available parcels, as well as develop a stewardship plan for managing the property that currently falls under our jurisdiction.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mont Vernon Conservation Commission Treasurer's Report **2003 Income and Expenses**

OPERATING FUND

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 01/01/02 | \$1,184.99 |
| Transferred from Trust Account | \$21,500.00 |
| SPACE Matching Grant for COS Study | \$1,000.00 |
| Town appropriation | \$1,500.00 |
| Total Inflow | \$25,184.99 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Association Memberships | |
| Audubon Society | \$99.00 |
| Souhegan Watershed | \$100.00 |
| Nashua Regional Planning Commission | \$246.00 |
| Conferences and Education | |
| Center for Land Conservation Assistance (three members) | \$105.00 |
| Public Awareness | |
| Cost of Community Services Study | \$1,565.03 |
| Incumbered balance | \$2,435.00 |
| Costs Related to Land Acquisition | |
| NEFF/Purgatory Easement | \$10,000.00 |
| Crafts Appraisal | \$2,200.00 |
| View Lots Easement | \$4,800.00 |
| Administrative | |
| Copies and Postage | \$43.84 |
| Total Outflows | \$21,593.87 |
| Operating Fund Balance on Hand 12/31/02 | \$3,591.12 |

INVESTED FUNDS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Trust Fund | |
| Balance on hand 01/01/02 | \$57,147.40 |
| Warrant Article Appropriation | \$30,000.00 |
| Interest Income | \$436.96 |
| Transfers | \$21,500.00 |
| Balance on hand 12/31/02 | \$66,084.36 |
| Citizen Bank CD | |
| Balance on hand 01/01/02 | \$8,113.55 |
| Interest income | \$191.18 |
| CD Balance on hand 12/31/02 | \$8,304.73 |
| Total Invested Funds on Hand | \$77,980.21 |

Daland Memorial Library 2003

This past year has seen several changes at our library. In March we welcomed Cindy Raspillar as a new trustee, replacing Judy Brophy who resigned. Our library Director, Edith March, retired in April. In May the library trustees appointed Karen MacDonald, our Children's Librarian, to the new Library Director. In June, Jeanne Cummings was hired as Children's Librarian. In October Susan Mead resigned and Alex Hageman was hired. The trustees thank our former employees and welcome the new members of our staff. The staff, both former and present, is certainly the major reason for the great work we do in serving the population of Mont Vernon. They are devoted to our library and work tirelessly under difficult working conditions. The library looks great. If you haven't been in lately, or ever, please stop and get acquainted.

The library has been a busy place this year. We currently have 13,501 books and materials for loan in our building. We have 524 patrons, not including 94 minor children who use their parents' cards. That number is extraordinary in a town with our population. One hundred forty nine children participated in our summer program and the concluding ice cream social and awards ceremony was standing room only. The staff filled 102 inter library loan requests, which is one of the highest numbers in the Hillstown group.

The trustees have been busy as well this past year. We have done studies to update the information needed for the project to replace our too small building. You will be hearing much more about this as we work into 2004. Please come to our informational meetings and learn about our new plans. Help us as we help the town to build a library that is large enough and accessible for all our residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Quinn, Chairperson
Cindy Raspillar
John Benjamin

**DALAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY
2003 FINANCIAL REPORT**

OPERATING FUND:

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/03 (checking & petty cash) | | \$6,176.31 |
| INCOME: | | |
| Copier | \$310.50 | |
| Fax | \$45.50 | |
| Fines | \$614.85 | |
| Gifts and Donations: | \$5,228.17 | |
| Daland Trust | \$1,500.00 | |
| Daland Trust (replace copier) | \$1,200.00 | |
| Milford Hospital Association | \$2,500.00 | |
| Pestana and Anonymous | \$28.17 | |
| Interest | \$10.13 | |
| Lost Books | \$159.65 | |
| Town Appropriation | \$8,900.00 | |
| Trust Income | \$3,500.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | \$6.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | | \$18,774.80 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE | | <hr/> \$24,951.11 |

EXPENSE:

| | | |
|--|------------|------------------------|
| Bank Charges | \$40.00 | |
| Bindery | \$69.45 | |
| Copier and Drop Box | \$2,842.00 | |
| Dues | \$475.00 | |
| Education | \$125.00 | |
| Furniture and Equipment Maintenance | \$818.27 | |
| Legal and Consulting Fees | \$2,935.00 | |
| Long Distance Telephone and Internet Access | \$367.08 | |
| Media | \$7,914.05 | |
| Mileage | \$159.31 | |
| Postage | \$155.92 | |
| Programs | \$670.31 | |
| Supplies | \$773.17 | |
| Miscellaneous (including employment advertising) | \$330.09 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| TOTAL EXPENDED | | \$17,674.65 |
| BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/03 | | <hr/> <hr/> \$7,276.46 |

Proof of Balance:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Checking Account at 12/31/03 | \$7,241.46 |
| Petty Cash at 12/31/03 | \$35.00 |
| | <hr/> \$7,276.46 |

PAYROLL:

| | Available | Expended |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Town Appropriation—SALARIES | \$29,070.00 | \$26,888.84 |
| Daland Gift—CLEANING & SNOW REMOVAL | \$1,550.00 | \$1,940.00 |
| Town Appropriation & Daland Gift—FICA | \$2,346.00 | \$2,116.48 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| TOTALS | \$32,966.00 | \$30,945.32 |

Mont Vernon Fire Department

Pride

Tradition

Honor

TANKER-PUMPER GRANT

Last year, the Department applied for a grant through FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] for the purchase of a tanker-pumper. We were notified in December that our grant had been approved. The grant award was in the amount of \$182,700.00. At town meeting the Department will be asking to withdraw funds from the capital reserve account as part of the requirement for this grant. This grant will greatly improve your Department's ability to respond to an emergency with a modern tanker-pumper. The withdrawing of capital reserve funds will require a vote at town meeting, we hope you will support this warrant article.

Reporting an Emergency

To report a fire or other emergency, dial 911 or 673-3131. The Town of Mont Vernon is part of a five-town dispatch center called MACCBASE. For all non-emergency requests, you can contact the station at 673-1383 and a Department official will return your call.

Outside Burning Permits

State Law requires a written permit for any outside when there is no snow on the ground. To obtain a permit call the fire station 673-1383, or contact Chief Kevin Pomeroy. Incinerator permits are no longer being issued. Those burning without a permit are in violation of state law and can be held responsible for the cost of extinguishing the fire, cost of damage to property, and fined up to \$2,000.

Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention activities are mainly held during the month of October when the Department teaches fire safety to the Kindergarten to 3rd grades. This year Captain Sean Mamone and Deputy Chief Jay Wilson instructed and demonstrated fire department equipment. It is important, whether you have battery operated or an electrical powered fire alarm system that it is fully operational. Each home should have an emergency escape plan and spare flashlights.

2003 Incident Responses

The Department responded to two automobile accidents requiring extrication; a two alarm building fire; explosive material standby; the follow is a breakdown of the incidents we responded too.

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 11 – Auto Accidents | 4 – Non-Permit Fires |
| 4 – Chimney Fires | 1 – Off Road Rescue |
| 2 – Electrical Emergencies | 3 – Outside Fires |
| 3 – Emergency Standbys | 12 – Power Line/Transformer Fires/Tree on wires |
| 19 – Fire Alarms | 5 – Service Calls |
| 2 – Motor vehicle Fires | 3 – Smoke Investigations |
| 19 – Mutual Aid | 4 – Structure Fires |
- [7 to the scene of the incident]

Fire Station Evaluation

The Fire Station Evaluation committee will turn in their report of the station’s condition to the Selectmen in January. This committee was formed last year as a result of the station structural integrity survey that was conducted in 2002. Some of the findings that are the most serious factor was the lack of structural integrity due unreinforced cinder block and snow load bearing capacity of the roof was 25 to 30 pounds. The committee agreed with the architect and engineers that spending large amounts of money to fix the existing building was impractical. The committee did recommend taking action with the issues that relate to safety and code compliance where possible with a warrant article.

Bicentennial – 2003

Last year was a busy and fun time for the entire town. The Bicentennial programs were great and well put together. During Old Home Days, the Department appreciated all that attend our pancake breakfast and dance, it was a great day with only a couple of minute’s rain. Thanks for your support.

Who is the Mont Vernon Fire Department

Your Fire Department is an ‘on-call’ Department. This term is used to describe Fire Departments that is made up of volunteers who are paid during incidents. If you would like to join the Department, contact Chief Kevin Pomeroy at 673-9130 to get an application. Being able to help and protect the citizens your town and those of our neighboring communities takes dedication and sacrifice. As a Department we count on those who serve and thank their families for their time away from home. If hard dangerous work might interest you, then join us in protecting our families.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mont Vernon Board of Fire Wards
Kevin Pomeroy Jay Wilson Sean Mamone

Your Department

Tony Amadon
Dave Hall
E. Chip Lyon
Brian Parlman
Kevin Pomeroy
Howard Welch
Tom Wilkins

Dave Bellamy
Charlie Ingham
Sean Mamone
Ron Philibotte
Kirk Pomeroy
Mike Wells
John R. Wilson

Rob Chamberlain
Michael Jolin
Jeff Naber
Greg Pomeroy
Lucien Soucy
Todd Wilkins
Jay S. Wilson

Special
Thanks to
Howard and
Donna Welch
for all their
participation
and support.



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden of Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us <<http://www.des.state.nh.us/>> for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and making sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.org <<http://www.nhdf.org/>> or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 Fire Statistics

(All fires Reported thru November 3, 2003)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

| | <u># of Fires</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Belknap | 40 | 4.86 |
| Carroll | 46 | 13.99 |
| Cheshire | 8 | .68 |
| Coos | 7 | 17.40 |
| Grafton | 22 | 12.60 |
| Hillsborough | 60 | 11.34 |
| Merrimack | 98 | 10.45 |
| Rockingham | 56 | 18.54 |
| Strafford | 34 | 7.94 |
| Sullivan | 3 | 2.03 |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Arson | 10 |
| Campfire | 25 |
| Children | 13 |
| Smoking | 20 |
| Debris | 226 |
| Railroad | 3 |
| Lightning | 2 |
| Equipment | 8 |
| Misc* | 67 |

(*Misc:power lines, fireworks, elec. Fences)

| | <u>Total Fires</u> | <u>Total Acres</u> |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2003 | 374 | 100 |
| 2002 | 540 | 187 |
| 2001 | 942 | 428 |
| 2000 | 516 | 149 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT January 12, 2004

History

At Town Meeting in March 2003, the voters authorized "the Board of Selectmen to appoint a 5-person study committee to research the Fire Department's building needs and to make recommendations on how best to address the issues identified during the structural analysis evaluation performed in 2002." (Quoted from Warrant article #22.) The group appointed by the Selectmen included: Chief Kevin Pomeroy as the Fire Ward representative, Mike Fimbel as the Selectman representative, Alan Hazen, Hedley Parsons, and Anne Dodd as the three Town residents selected at large.

The committee members were given copies of the Fornataro Architecture December 2002 Report of Conditions and Recommendations for the Mont Vernon Fire Station in Mont Vernon, NH, prior to the first committee meeting on May 28, 2003. The committee elected Kevin Pomeroy as Chair and Alan Hazen as Secretary. The committee met 10 times.

Process

A review of the architect's report indicated that a complete tour of the facility would be most helpful in our evaluation of the conditions and recommendations. This tour was conducted following the first formal meeting.

The committee decided that the best approach to the task would be a spreadsheet that enumerated each of the issues, assigned a priority, and provided an estimate and date of recommended completion. The categories for priorities were determined to be: personnel safety and health, environmental protections, and Code compliance as well as issues related to function.

Summary of Findings

The architect and engineering reports made it clear that there are major problems with the building and the report recommended abandoning the building within two years. The most serious factor in that recommendation was the lack of structural integrity due to unreinforced cinder block masonry construction of the exterior walls. [See Foley and Buhl Report dated 11/25/02, page 2] Also, evaluation of the ground snow load bearing capacity for the station was estimated to be 25 to 30 pounds per square foot. At the time of the report, the building Codes required new roof construction to be rated at 47 to 51 pounds per square foot. This has since been modified after study by the US Army Corps of Engineers to require 75 pounds per square foot ground snow load in Mont Vernon [F&B, page 2]. In addition, the building was constructed before Seismic Code requirements were adopted and its ability to withstand a seismic event is doubtful given the large openings in the East wall and the unreinforced exterior walls [F&B, page 3].

The dimensions of the vehicle bays have required the custom fabrication of new equipment, as the bays are not deep enough or tall enough to accommodate state of the art trucks. Requirements for an enclosed seat for every rider have lengthened the trucks' cabs considerably. No more are firefighters allowed to be hanging off the sides of the trucks en route to a fire. New trucks are also much taller than before because of four-wheel drive and top mounted equipment. Our newest fire truck was designed to fit the station, not the task. The Station dimensions are not adequate for the needs of the Town Fire Department.

Parking space at the Fire Station is limited and must be shared with other Town activities and activities at the McCollom Building and the Mont Vernon Congregational Church. On a number of occasions, this leads to a problem for our volunteer firefighters.

Committee Recommendations

A spreadsheet that lists all the items noted in the architect and engineers' reports is attached. It indicates the priority, costs, and a date by which the committee feels the issue should be resolved. We have provided as much information about costs and the feasibility of the repairs/replacements as we could obtain without a budget for professionally derived estimating. We have relied on the good will of our talented Town residents involved in the building trades to provide these budget numbers. They should not be considered quotes to perform the work.

There are items listed for which we could determine no reasonable solution. Perhaps an architect could be employed by the Town to further study these issues, but we felt it unwise to make such a recommendation. We have also noted items that were exorbitantly expensive given the recommended reduced life span of the building.

The committee agrees with the architect and engineers that allocating large amounts of money to fix the building's problems is impractical. However, we understand that justification and approval of funding for replacing the facility will take time. We recommend that issues related to safety and Code compliance (where feasible) be addressed by the Town within the timeframe noted on the spreadsheet. We recommend that the design process for a new Fire Station begin in 2005 so that a new station could be built by 2009.

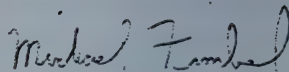
We recommend that a warrant article in the amount of \$14,000 be included in the 2004 Warrant to address items shown as Code, Fire Code, Safety, Environmental, and Health issues be corrected in the year 2004 as detailed on the spreadsheet.

Attached please find the Fire Station Issues Spreadsheet and photos of the major problems which were provided to the committee by Earle Rich.

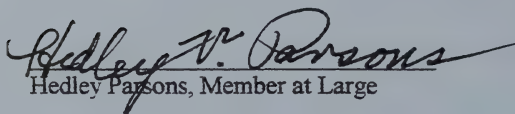
Respectfully submitted,



Kevin Pomeroy, Fire Ward and Chief
Committee Chair



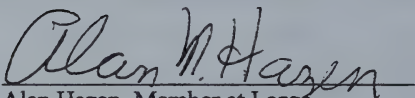
Michael Fimbel, Selectman



Hedley Parsons, Member at Large



Anne Dodd, Member at Large



Alan Hazen, Member at Large



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2003

WINTER MAINTENANCE

There were thirty three storms in the 2002-2003 winter season with 172 inches of snow along with 4 minor ice storms. This was a very long winter commencing in late November 2002 through mid April 2003. The department was forced to work a substantial amount of overtime hours to ensure safe road conditions for travel throughout the town. There was approximately 2,500 yards of sand and 350 tons of salt used during this period.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

The department began with routine spring cleanup of town building and properties as well as sweeping of the roads. Most gravel roads were graded, raked and rolled four times throughout the spring and summer months. The annual road side mowing was conducted as well.

There were several strong wind storms which knocked out power at various locations throughout town this year, with it came several downed trees and endless limb debris all of which were cut and cleared following each storm.

The department replaced 9 culverts throughout town and had 4,000 yards of 1 ½ inch crushed gravel made this spring. It was applied to Old Wilton Road, Tater Street Extension, Gavin Road, Secomb Road, Cross Road and various sections of Brook Road.

McCOLLUM BUILDING ADA PROJECT

The department assisted in the construction, repairs and painting of the porch with the hired contractor. This included the placement of a wheel chair lift as well as replacing the front door entrance to conform to the ADA requirements.

ROAD REPAIRS AND PAVING

The Francestown Turnpike received much attention this year having 3,800 feet rebuilt and reclaimed as well as adding gravel and regarding. Several feet of under drainage was installed and three culverts were replaced. Thanks to Granite State Concrete of Milford, the town was able to save approximately \$15,000.00 in gravel costs as they donated it in assisting the reconstruction of this roadway.

The entire section of gravel on Wilton Road was paved, as well as 3,500 feet of Tater Street and 600 feet of Weston Hill Road.

ROAD PAINTING

There were double yellow lines painted on Old Wilton Road, Tater Street, Kendall Hill Road, Brook Road, the Francestown Turnpike and Beech Hill Road by the department. The crosswalks are scheduled to be painted in the spring of 2004 due to insufficient time this past year.

TRANSFER STATION

The department experienced a good year at the site and wish to thank the public for their patience and understanding during our busy and sometimes trying times. We appreciate the continued support of recycling.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Carter,
Director of Public Works



**Mont Vernon Historic District
Mont Vernon, NH 03057**



During 2003 the Historic District Commission voted to approve 1 proposal for construction in the Historic District.

1. A proposal by Mr. Gary Peters for a barn to house horses for his personal use at 5 South Main Street, Mont Vernon. Approved June 4, 2003
2. Several minor requests were made of the Commission but were deemed in kind repairs not requiring Commission Approval.

Historic District Approval is required when building permit is issued within the Historic district. In kind repairs not requiring building permits are allowed.

As in the past The Historic District Commission will strive to maintain the architectural integrity of the Mont Vernon Historic District while observing the rights of residents within the Historic District.

Historic District Members are: Robert F. Wolf, chairperson
Peter Savage, Selectman representative
Bill Wildes
Lynda Wildes
Linda Foster, Planning Board Rep.
Tim Hageman
Ted Covert

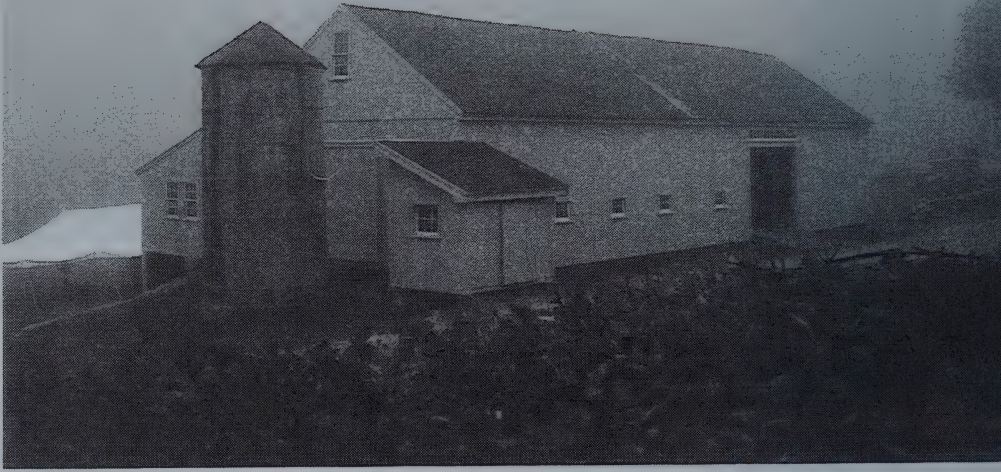
Respectfully submitted: Robert F. Wolf, Chairperson

[illegible]

The Village Weekly publisher shall include the following items and fees and all and buildings within 100 feet of the center line of each street and roads, unless otherwise noted.

- (7) Main Road: From the southealy boundary of Whangarei and Whiti Road, on Route 13, northward to the junction of Route 400 Road and Street Road.
- (8) *Tasmanian Turnpike: From its southealy end at level of Highway to the junction of Street Road and Main Road.
- (9) The following parcels and rights shall be included in their entirety: (a) Street Road; (b) Street Road; (c) Main Road; (d) Main Road; (e) Main Road.
- (10) Main Road: From the junction of Route 13, to the junction of Main Road.
- (11) Old Main Road: From the junction of Route 13, to the southealy end of level of Main Road, Street Road and Main Road at the junction of the southealy end of Old Main Road.

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Lamson Farm Barn Dance September 26, 2003

As part of Mont Vernon's Bicentennial celebration a barn dance took place here at the Lamson farm in the newly restored barn. This was a very well attended event. The evening was a wonderful time of good music and great visiting. The following day, September 27, 2003 was our annual Lamson Farm Day. As in years past, the folks of Mont Vernon had an opportunity to enjoy playing, eating and visiting with one another at the farm. Here are a few pictures from both of these events. Enjoy.



Lamson Farm Commission 2003 Annual Report

2003 has been a quiet, while productive year for the Lamson Farm Commission. It has also been a year of several accomplishments attributable to the spirit of volunteerism within our town.

A few times this year, several members of the New England Blacksmithing Association have met at our shop. They have worked on various projects, one of which is the creation of a "Lamson Blacksmith Shop" sign to be placed on the outside of the building upon its completion. It's quite satisfying and also very interesting to see the shop up and running with the coal forge fired and work underway. People are always welcome to stop by and take a look when the smiths are working. Eventually, our hope is to post a schedule of more frequent events at the shop.

The Milford Rotary Club made a monetary gift and the promise of a donation of labor to the Lamson Farm for the painting and staining of the blacksmith shop in the Spring of 2004.

Russell Stacy of the Mont Vernon Historical Society, completed a functional restoration of the McCormick Binder in time to have it included as a "float" in the Old Home Days Parade this August, and he also demonstrated it at this year's Lamson Farm Day. It was a project worthy of much more note than this one paragraph and we are truly grateful for the time Russ spent on this accomplishment.

The barn has been stained and it and the silo are scheduled to be re-roofed in March of 2004. That will pretty much put the finishing touch on this project. Many thanks to Steve Workman for doing the lion's share of the work in re-electrifying the barn which was completed just hours before we turned on the lights for our barn dance. The dance was a combined effort by the Bicentennial Committee and the Lamson Farm Commission to celebrate the town's bicentennial and the restoration of the barn.

The cooks were happy to have the shelter over the barbecue pit at this year's Lamson Farm Day as we had a few moderate rain showers during the first half of the day. The weather and the day turned out just fine, as did the chicken. We have too many participants to thank individually, but please accept our sincere "Thank You" to all of you who continue to make this event possible and who have helped so many times in years past.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elliot P. Lyon, Chairman

On behalf of Lamson Farm Commission members:

Zoe Fimbel, Historical Society

Joanne Griffin

Dawn Lyon, Treasurer / Clerk

Bob Peret, Recreation Commission

Kevin Pomeroy

Meri Ratzel, Conservation Commission

Steve Workman

LAMSON FARM COMMISSION
Treasurer's Report of Financial Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2002:

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Bank of NH Checking | \$ 7,499.14 |
| NH PDIP (MBIA) | <u>53,752.34</u> |

TOTAL CASH

\$ 61,251.48

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Earnings NH PDIP (MBIA) | \$ 434.23 |
| Interest Bank of NH account | <u>12.27</u> |
| Total Interest/Earnings | \$ 446.50 |

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Rent (Fields) | \$ 1,080.00 |
| Rent (House) | <u>7,700.00</u> |
| Total Rents | \$ 8,780.00 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Donations | \$ 354.00 |
| Lamson Farm Day | 2,200.25 |
| Credit for outstanding check | <u>196.75</u> |
| Total Other | \$ 2,751.00 |

\$ 11,977.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Maintenance | \$ 1,198.86 |
| Barn | 6,579.91 |
| Blacksmith Shop | 508.39 |
| Office | 33.30 |
| Lamson Farm Day Expenses | 2,831.05 |
| Gifts | 29.00 |
| Equipment | <u>45.00</u> |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 11,225.5

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\$ 62,003.47

CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2003

CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2003

Bank of NH Checking \$ 7,816.90

NH PDIP (MBIA) 54,186.57

TOTAL CASH

\$ 62,003.47

INVESTMENT FUNDS BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2002

AG Edwards Fund \$ 88,924.39

INVESTMENT FUNDS MARKET VALUE

AG Edwards Fund Appreciation \$ 21,571.28

INVESTMENT FUNDS BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003

\$110,495.67

TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENT FUND BALANCE, DEC. 31, 2003 \$172,499.14

Dawn S. Lyon, Treasurer

LAMSON FARM COMMISSION
Treasurer's Report of Financial Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002
(Revised 3/31/03)

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2001

| | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Money Management Account (Eaton Vance) | \$ 22,722.84 | |
| NH PDIP (MBIA) | 102,794.82 | |
| NOW Checking | <u>115,927.46</u> | |
| | | \$241,445.12 |

RECEIPTS:

| | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Dividends M/M Account (Eaton Vance) | \$ 31.24 | |
| Earnings NH PDIP (MBIA) | 1,423.52 | |
| Interest NOW Account | 103.98 | |
| ~AG Edwards Account Investment (from checking) | <u>110,000.00</u> | |
| Total Investment Income | | \$111,558.74 |

Account Transfers:

| | | |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| *Rec'd. from Eaton Vance to NOW Checking | \$ 22,754.08 | |
| #Rec'd. from MBIA to NOW Checking | <u>50,466.00</u> | |
| Total Transfers | | \$ 73,220.08 |

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rents | \$ 9,505.00 | |
| Donations | 177.12 | |
| Lamson Farm Day | <u>2,366.25</u> | |
| Total Operating Income | | \$ 12,048.37 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$196,827.19 |

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DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Maintenance and Repair | \$ 465.34 |
| Bathroom Repair, Remodeling | 6,700.00 |
| Lamson Farm Day Expenses (inc. 2000) | 2,238.47 |
| BBQ pit shelter | 2,832.04 |
| Barn Restoration Project | 70,154.24 |
| Blacksmith Shop | 1,237.72 |
| Office Expenses | 92.94 |
| Donations | 80.00 |
| ~AG Edwards Investment (from NOW Checking) | <u>110,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$193,800.75 |

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OTHER DISBURSEMENTS (ACCOUNT TRANSFERS; DILUTIONS)

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| *Closed Eaton Vance; transferred to NOW Checking | \$ 22,754.08 |
| #Transferred from MBIA to NOW Checking | 50,466.00 |
| AG Edwards Account Market Depreciation | <u>21,075.61</u> |
| Total "Others" | \$ 94,295.69 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$288,096.44

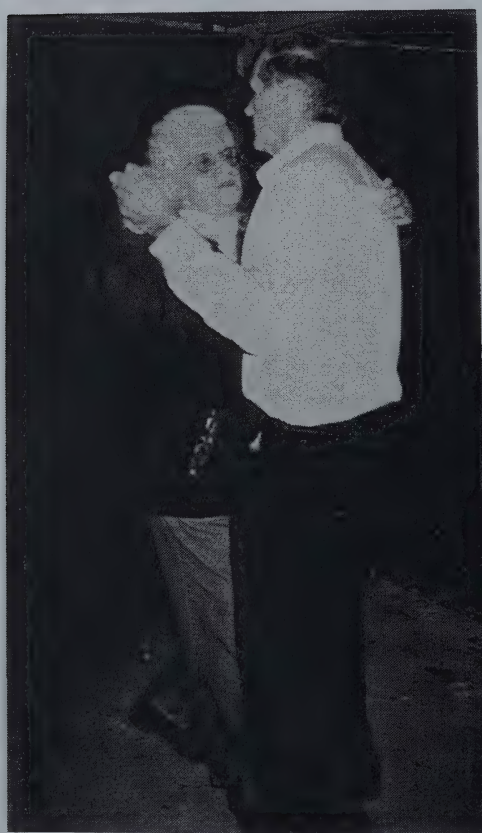
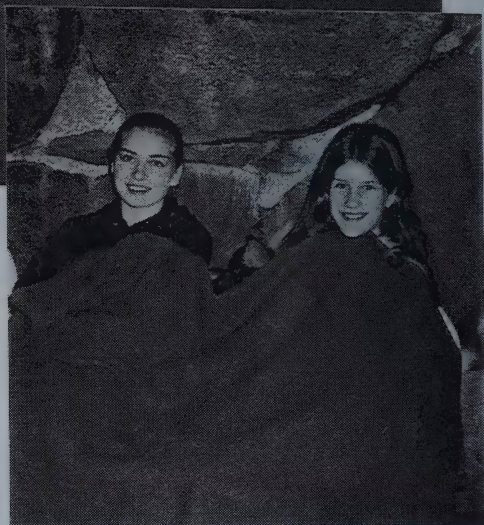
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2002

\$150,175.76

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2002

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Money Management Account (Eaton Vance) | (Closed) |
| NH PDIP (MBIA) | \$ 53,752.34 |
| NOW Checking | 7,499.14 |
| AG Edwards | <u>88,924.39</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$150,175.87</u> |

S. G. Workman, Treas LSC









MONT VERNON PLANNING BOARD

The planning board's time remained in demand throughout 2003. The approved subdivisions resulted in 7 new residential lots, compared to 27 in 2002*. This number is deceptively low, however, when one considers that applications underway at the start of 2004 include approximately 75 proposed new residences. Actual building slowed this year; 15 building permits for new houses came through in 2003, compared to 28 in 2002.

In addition to the action list that follows, the board considered a wide variety of topics during the year, including transfer of development rights, elderly housing, updating the population and housing chapter of the master plan, non-residential site plan review language, circuit riders, town road specs, and in-law apartments. Whether topics were set aside or acted upon, the board's goal was always to serve the best interests of the Town.

In March of 2003, the voters passed an impact fee ordinance. Since then, the board has been steadily taking the steps necessary to take advantage of this new tool. Fee schedules had to be created. These required costs and square footage of future buildings. That data required many hours of research and discussion by the Highway Garage Study Committee, the Fire Station Study Committee, the Library Expansion Committee, and representatives from the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. Meanwhile a revised Capital Improvements Program, a necessary prerequisite, was created and numbers were plugged in from all departments in town. At the time of this writing a hearing is scheduled for the acceptance of the Capital Improvements Program, and fee schedules are ready to go to the Selectmen for approval. We hope to see the first impact fees roll in in time to help relieve the town of the costs of development looming over us.

The board acknowledges Tony Immorlica, who volunteered his time and expertise on the updated Capital Improvements Program.

On the ballot this year, voters will find one proposed "housekeeping" amendment to the Town's zoning ordinance. In I-304.5(b) and (c) of the Multiple Soils Districts Within Lots section, the term "net land tract" appears, a term which is not defined in the zoning ordinance. Town Counsel advised the board that this undefined term at best confuses the meaning of the ordinance, and at worst renders it meaningless. The board agreed to solve the problem by asking the voters to change the term "net land tract" to "not less than."

We were sorry to see long-time planning board administrative assistant Sally Benjamin step down from her post in July. She kept things running smoothly for the board from behind the scenes for 5 years. Sally built on and completed the task of entering our entire zoning ordinance book into a word processing file, a painstaking and much-appreciated task, and organized our filing system. She has been generous with her time since July in training her replacements and pinch-hitting as minutes-taker.

**This count excludes open space lots, and the "mother" lots that existed prior to subdivision.*

PLANNING BOARD ACTIONS IN 2003

- 2/25/03 Approved a lot line change for Lot 1-81-1 and 1-81-2 on Old Milford Road for Henry & Donna Philbrick
- 2/25/03 Approved a 2-lot subdivision of Lot 6-20 for Nancy & George Tocher, 1 Hazen Road
- 3/25/03 Conditionally approved 8-lot open space subdivision of Lots 3-4 and 3-9 for Paradigm Developers, Beech Hill Road (Conditions were later met.)
- 4/22/03 Conditionally approved non-residential site plan for AT&T Wireless antennae and shed on existing antennae on Harwood Road, Lot 4-88-1 (Conditions were later met.)
- 7/22/03 Conditionally approved non-residential site plan for US Cellular antennae on existing antennae on Harwood Road, Lot 4-88-1 (Conditions were later met.)
- 8/26/03 Approved lot line change for Garth Witty Lots 2-43 and 2-44, Old Amherst Road
- 9/9/03 Approved new procedure for house numbering
- 9/23/03 Conditionally approved lot line change to Lot 4-1 for Joseph & Ellen Carleton at intersection of Upton & Old Wilton Roads, enabling Upton Road to be relocated 165 feet southerly. (Conditions were later met.)
- 10/14/03 Moved to conduct a traffic study on Salisbury Road
- 10/28/03 Approved a lot line change for Joel Day of Lot 6-15, Salisbury Road
- 11/11/03 Conducted a scenic road hearing on the Upton Road relocation and granted Selectmen permission to proceed
- 11/11/03 Agreed to proceed with a multiple soils ordinance amendment on the March 2004 ballot
- 11/25/03 Approved a 2-lot subdivision for Keith Pomeroy of Lot 2-59 off Secomb Road
- 11/25/03 Conditionally approved a 25-lot open space subdivision for David R. Hall (Sr.) of lots 6-47, 7-91, 7-92 near Horton Pond off Francestown Turnpike (As of 12/31/03, conditions were not yet met.)
- 12/9/03 Agreed to proceed with a hearing on the revised Capital Improvements Program

2003 Planning Board:

Victoria Arico, *chairperson*
 John Walsh, *vice chairperson*
 Annette Immorlica, *secretary*
 Peter Savage, *Selectmen's representative*
 Jim Bird
 Gerry Griffin
 Lucien Soucy
 Mark Murdock, *alternate*
 Kevin Pomeroy, *alternate*
 Linda Foster, *alternate*

Administrative assistants

who served the board in 2003:

Sally Benjamin
 Barbara Walker
 Eileen Naber
 Jackie O'Dowd

MONT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2003

2003 has been a busy year for all of us in Mont Vernon. Our bicentennial events went smoothly due to the planning and hard work of many persons, most especially the bicentennial committee. All of our events were peaceable, orderly and fun. Our police officers were very visible at these events providing traffic control and security. We were all pleased at the cooperation and community spirit displayed by everyone. We are proud to have been here during this celebration and to be a part of our town's history in the making. Thank you.

For the record, I thank Mrs. Dawn Lyon for the designing of our new police shoulder patch. What a beautiful and visible tribute to this special community and our bicentennial.

Many thanks to the townspeople, elected officials and my fellow town employees for all their help and consideration through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Schultz, Chief of Police

MONT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2003

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|-----------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|------------|
| ANIMAL COMPLAINTS | 23 | MOTOR VEHICLE ASSISTS | 40 |
| ARRESTS | 44 | MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS | 53 |
| ASSAULTS (SEXUAL) | 2 | MUTUAL AID | 17 |
| ATTEMPTED SUICIDE | 1 | 911 HANG-UPS | 25 |
| BAD CHECKS | 1 | OHRV | 10 |
| BURGLAR ALARMS | 42 | OPERATING W/O VALID LICENSE | 1 |
| CIVIL | 5 | OTHER | 65 |
| CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT | 1 | PAPERWORK SERVICE | 33 |
| CREDIT CARD FRAUD | 4 | PISTOL PERMITS | 34 |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF | 16 | POLICE INFORMATION | 11 |
| CRIMINAL THREATENING | 1 | POLICE SERVICE | 33 |
| CRIMINAL TRESPASS | 2 | PROHIBITED SALES-ALCOHOL | 1 |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 1 | PROWLER | 1 |
| DISTURBANCES | 10 | RECKLESS CONDUCT | 1 |
| DOG COMPLAINTS | 50 | RECEIVE STOLEN PROPERTY | 1 |
| DOMESTIC DISPUTES | 10 | SECURITY CHECK | 113 |
| DRIVING AFTER SUSPENSION | 7 | SIMPLE ASSAULT | 4 |
| FIRE ASSISTS | 13 | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY | 54 |
| HARASSMENT (MAIL) | 2 | TELEPHONE HARASSMENT | 10 |
| ILLEGAL BURN | 1 | THEFT | 22 |
| ILLEGAL DUMPING | 3 | TRESPASS | 1 |
| JUVENILE | 3 | UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE | 1 |
| MEDICAL ASSISTS | 43 | VIN VERIFICATION | 20 |
| MISSING PERSON | 6 | VIOLATION PROTECTIVE ORDER | 6 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS | 29 | | |
| | | TOTAL | 877 |

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|------------------------|--------------|
| MOTOR VEHICLE SUMMONS | <u>386</u> |
| MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS | <u>1,407</u> |
| ACTUAL BUILDING CHECKS | <u>1,496</u> |
| ACTUAL HOUSE CHECKS | <u>2,985</u> |



MONT VERNON RECREATION COMMISSION

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Paul Philbrick, Recreation Commission Chairman

The Mont Vernon Recreation Commission is an all volunteer group that presents a number of events and activities for the residents of Mont Vernon.

We saw many changes within the 2003 Recreation Commission in both event activities and membership. Peter King completed his term as the Recreation Commission Chairman after many years of leading the team. Peter has done a fantastic job and dedicated many hours of his time to manage all the events and activities we offer to our town. He will truly be missed! And although Peter is no longer a member, he continues to contribute whenever asked. Thank you Peter!

The current team members are Paul Philbrick, Kathie Fitzgerald, Bob Peret, Paul Coon, Ken Dobbs, Bob Sears and Jeanne Morin. Our alternates, Lisa Ballard and Carla Titus, hosted the "Run 'Til the Cows Come Home" road race. This event was a huge success.

Below is a list of some events we hosted or assisted with in 2003.

- **The Easter-Egg Hunt:** 1000+ candy eggs were filled by members and then hunted down by 200+ children. Not an empty basket in the crowd!
- **Town-Ball:** Baseball was introduced in the spring of 2003 to Mont Vernon children ages 5-8 at McCollum Field.
- **MV Summer Day Camp:** A hit with the children and parents alike.
- **MV Spring Gala:** This event was changed slightly to be included in the Bicentennial Celebration. The parade and pancake breakfast events were moved to August 9th & 10th along with a few other activities. The events held on May 17th included, Bike Safety Rodeo, Cub Scout Concessions and yard sale, Neighborhood Yard Sales and the Daland Memorial Library annual book and plant sale.
- **Lamson Farm Day Events:** Our sponsored events included puppet shows, bean-bag toss, dangling doughnut games, table top games such as checkers, chess, paper airplane folding, necklace making and much more.
- **Road Race:** The Recreation Commission Alternates organized a Road Race to be part of the Bicentennial summer celebration. The theme for the race was "Run til the Cows Come Home". We had over 50 local and non-local participants in this year's race. The first 50 registered runners were given a custom made T-shirt commemorating this event.

- **Town Tourney (New This year!):** Although this event was related to the Bicentennial Celebration, it has been requested by town residents to be included as a yearly event. The “Town Tourney” (neighborhood block party) was held in July at McCollom Field. Tourney activities included balloons, water sports and a clown for the smaller children. Adolescent and adult activities included horseshoes, croquette, volleyball and other field sports. Volleyball was by far the favorite. At one point we had teams with over 10 players on each side. The ball never had a chance. Throughout the day we had refreshments, food and music. Fun was had by all!



- **Movie Night:** Debuting in 2002, movie night has fast become a fun family event. This indoor drive-in shows family entertainment in a very casual atmosphere. In 2003 some movies shown included *Spy Kids*, *Snow Day*, *Willy Wonka*, *Holes*, *Little Nemo*
- **Halloween Candy Drive:** This year our residents really came through with their donations. We setup candy contribution drop-off locations throughout the town which resulted in over 300 bags of candy which were distributed to the homes on and around Main Street. Thank you to all!
- **Town Tree Lighting:** This year, in recognition of our Bicentennial, we decorated the tallest tree near our town hall. The lighting was beautiful! We also invited our very own Village School Chorus to sing for all those attending the tree lighting celebration. There was music, lights, refreshments and hayrides. What a special evening. We would like to thank Carol Yetto, Mrs. Findlay and the Village School Chorus for making this a memorable event.



The Recreation Commission wishes to express our sincerest thanks to the numerous residents who volunteered their time which contributed to the great success of these and other events in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Philbrick, Kathie Fitzgerald, Paul Coon Ken Dobbs, Bob Peret, Bob Sears, Lisa Ballard and Carla Titus

TOWN OF MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Office of the Tax Collector

Property taxes committed to the Tax Collector for collection in 2003 were \$4,374,317\$42,146.49.00. Of this amount, 95% had been collected by December 31, 2003.

Of the \$42,146.49 in Current Use Change Taxes committed to the Tax Collector, 77% have been collected.

There are no Timber Yield Taxes outstanding. Actual Yield Taxes committed to the Tax Collector by the Selectmen were \$5,227.76 for 2003.

Of all the outstanding amounts from all years on the Tax Collector's books at the beginning of 2003, together with the amounts for the current year, 92% have been collected as of December 31, 2003. A single parcel in town which has been labeled a Brown Field accounts for a large part of the uncollected property tax amount.

All property with unpaid year 2001 taxes will be subject to deeding to the Town as of April 30, 2004.

Interest on lien taxes is set by state statute at 18% per annually. Interest on delinquent property taxes is 12% and on unpaid Current Use Tax, 18%.

I want to thank the people who served very loyally as Deputy Tax Collector this year, Jeanette Vinton, Anne Dodd and Beth Ferran-Knight.

Very truly yours,



Sally Benjamin

2003 Outstanding Taxes 12/31/03

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Archibald, Neuman | \$78.00 | Holzman, Steven | \$14.96 |
| Barnes, Robert E. | \$791.00 | Hooper, Wallace K.* | \$2,480.00 |
| Belowski, Craig P. | \$2,927.00 | Hoyt, Edmund B. | \$3,697.00 |
| Bender, Diane D. | \$1,324.29 | Hust, Vernon M. | \$2,289.00 |
| Bidwell, Augustus M. | \$6.26 | Hyde, John F. Jr. | \$1,177.00 |
| Bishop, Clyde Jr. | \$4,301.00 | Jennings, Michael J. | \$669.00 |
| Boisvert, Dennis D. | \$1,351.40 | Kaminski, Athony | \$1,657.00 |
| Bole, Matthew C. | \$1,483.00 | Kearsley, Wayne A. | \$12,947.45 |
| Brisson, James A. | \$1,120.00 | Kelridge Development Corp | \$1,305.00 |
| Burns, Sarah H. | \$319.00 | Kershaw, Kevin et al | \$1,801.00 |
| Butler Homes, Inc. | \$3,495.00 | Kershlis, Kimberly | \$6.00 |
| Canavan, Michael J. | \$1,232.50 | Kezer, Robert Charles | \$3,093.00 |
| Carmody, Marvin E. | \$1,396.00 | Koch Family Rev. Trust | \$3,443.00 |
| Carter, Alan J. | \$2,908.00 | Koester, Richard E. | \$2,590.00 |
| Carter, Elizabeth | \$975.00 | Lapierre, Paul | \$2,293.85 |
| Cavelos, Jeanne | \$8.39 | Leger, susan C. | \$391.00 |
| Chamberlain, James H | \$3,429.00 | Main, Peter W. | \$2,339.00 |
| Chamberlain, Thomas | \$3,476.47 | Marshall, Duane E. | 2,343.32 |
| Chaput, David | \$1,099.00 | Martin, Arthur E. | \$2,219.00 |
| Christensen, August R. | \$2,300.29 | Moquin, Thomas A. | \$901.00 |
| Cockerill, John F. | \$5.26 | Morgan, Ruthalice | \$5,812.00 |
| Collins, Walter R. | \$2.00 | Nivens, Carl W. | \$7.37 |
| Creighton, Jeffrey | \$387.00 | O'Brien, Gary K. | 2,004.04 |
| Croteau, Brian | \$3,423.00 | O'Brien, Katie | \$312.00 |
| Crowder, William R. | \$34.27 | Oxenham, Linda D. | \$4,548.00 |
| Daniel Pratt Family Homes | \$4,423.00 | Payne, Jeremy A. Sr. | \$975.00 |
| Davidson, Donna | \$821.48 | Payne, Randy J. | \$2,972.00 |
| Day, Joel P. | \$7,054.00 | Payne, William H. | \$2,434.00 |
| Dean, John R. | \$3,636.00 | Perreault, Raymond, Sr.-Tr | \$0.01 |
| Delaney, Gerald T. | \$1,411.99 | Philbrick, Paul E. | \$15.38 |
| Dunham, Larry M. | \$4,218.00 | Pinault, Leo R. | \$4,369.99 |
| Durant, Dale | \$4,543.00 | Pinkham, David A. Jr. | \$3,106.00 |
| Durfee, Kimberly | \$495.82 | Pomeroy, Kirk D. | \$315.00 |
| Dziadek, Edward F. | \$1,048.00 | Purchase, Michael | \$1,328.00 |
| Ela Revocable Trust | \$1,607.26 | Putnam, Frank C. | \$1,808.00 |
| Farnsworth, Darlene | \$811.00 | Redmond, Jo-Ellen Rev. Tr. | \$24.00 |
| Faucher, Leo A. | \$1,510.35 | Reichard, Claire M. | \$2,971.00 |
| Fontaine Village Realty | \$4,488.58 | Reilly, Russell P. | \$37.86 |
| Fowler, James R. | \$2,537.00 | Robinson, Robert | \$498.67 |
| Fredette, Jean | \$4,189.35 | Roby, Daniel R. | \$985.00 |
| Gadomski, Stephen M. | \$707.60 | Rondeau, Ronald J. | \$518.34 |
| Garnett, S. Otis | \$828.47 | Rondo, Lawrence F. Sr. | \$343.61 |
| Geisinger, Gregory J. | \$2,877.00 | Roux, Reginald L. | \$452.00 |
| Giguere, Wanda | \$1,459.00 | Schwankert, David C. | \$5,735.00 |
| Hageman, Timothy J. | \$529.03 | Scribner, Richard | \$3,276.00 |
| Hartleb, Roger | \$1,292.00 | Shortt, John | \$4,563.85 |
| Helstein, Violet | \$3,456.10 | Silva, Carl | \$11,984.00 |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | \$91,816.16 | | 109,052.70 |

2003 Outstanding Taxes 12/31/03

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sleeper, Wayne S. | \$471.36 |
| Smith, Randy C. | \$4,490.20 |
| Sommers, Ralph G. | \$1,495.00 |
| Springman, Brian F-Trustee | \$3,802.00 |
| Tower, Bruce E. | \$983.10 |
| Turner, Roderick W. | \$2,604.00 |
| Wetmore, Edward M. | \$1,950.00 |
| White, Leo D. | \$3,639.00 |
| Will, Eric M. | \$210.00 |
| Witty, Garth E. | \$1,913.00 |
| Yang, Hai-Te | \$5,595.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$27,152.66 |

2003

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Outstanding Property Tax: | \$228,021.52 |
| as of December 31, 2003 | |

Current Use Change Tax Outstanding - 2003

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Daniel Pratt Family Homes | \$5,831.40 |
| Dziadek, Edward F. | \$5,040.94 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$10,872.34 |
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Yield (Timber) Tax Outstanding - 2003 None

1996 Outstanding Tax
Kaminski, Anthony

1997 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*
Kaminski, Anthony

1998 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*

1999 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*

2000 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*

2001 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*

2002 Outstanding Tax
Hooper, Wallace K.*
Kaminski, Anthony

Total Outstanding
2002 & prior years

2003 Total Outstanding: \$238,893.86

Grand Total Outstanding:

* Elderly Lien

Town of Mont Vernon - Tax Collector

FY 2003 MS-61 REPORT AS OF 1/6/04

UNCOLLECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | | \$228,945.96 | \$2,083.00 | \$15,289.99 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | | \$1,227.04 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$694.64 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Credits Carried Forward: | \$5,519.44 | | | |

TAXES COMMITTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$4,327,317.00 | \$1,565.00 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$19,890.68 | \$22,255.81 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$5,138.80 | \$88.96 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

OVERPAYMENTS COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$13,779.84 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

INTEREST COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| ON TAXES: | \$3,624.04 | \$14,788.87 | \$0.00 | \$2,716.95 |
| RESIDENT TAX PENALTIES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| TOTAL DEBITS: | \$4,369,750.36 | \$268,871.64 | \$2,777.64 | \$18,006.94 |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$4,091,476.87 | \$222,162.96 | \$0.00 | \$3,670.99 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$9,018.34 | \$23,482.85 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$5,138.80 | \$88.96 | \$694.64 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| INTEREST PENALTIES: | \$3,624.04 | \$14,788.87 | \$0.00 | \$2,716.95 |
| CONVERTED TO LIENS: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

ABATEMENTS GRANTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$7,818.61 | \$4,441.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| DEEDED: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

OVERPAYMENTS COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|---------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$13,779.84 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| PROPERTY TAXES: | \$228,021.52 | \$3,907.00 | \$2,083.00 | \$11,619.00 |
| RESIDENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| USE CHANGE TAXES: | \$10,872.34 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TIMBER YIELD TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXCAVATION TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| ACTIVITY TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| WATER/SEWER TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| BETTERMENT TAXES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL CREDITS: | \$4,369,750.36 | \$268,871.64 | \$2,777.64 | \$18,006.94 |
| UNASSIGNED CREDITS: | \$1,928.83 | PRIOR YEAR UNASSIGNED CREDITS: | | \$8.00 |

LIENS REPORT

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UNREDEEMED: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$42,910.29 | \$76,585.13 |
| LIENS EXECUTED: | \$0.00 | \$94,245.30 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| INT/COSTS COLLECTED: | \$0.00 | \$3,148.15 | \$4,266.26 | \$9,971.81 |
| ELDERLY LIENS: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| NEW ELDERLY LIENS: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TOTAL LIEN DEBITS: | \$0.00 | \$97,393.45 | \$47,176.55 | \$86,556.94 |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

| | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000+ |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| REDEMPTIONS: | \$0.00 | \$37,799.23 | \$16,330.90 | \$35,282.86 |
| INTEREST COSTS: | \$0.00 | \$3,148.15 | \$4,266.26 | \$9,971.81 |
| ABATEMENTS: | \$0.00 | \$7,471.58 | \$0.00 | \$380.08 |
| LIENS DEEDDED: | \$0.00 | \$4,263.31 | \$3,826.36 | \$3,578.81 |
| BALANCE AT YEAR END: | \$0.00 | \$44,711.18 | \$22,753.03 | \$37,343.38 |
| ELDERLY LIENS: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| TOTAL LIEN CREDITS: | \$0.00 | \$97,393.45 | \$47,176.55 | \$86,556.94 |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

END MS-61 REPORT

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)? _____

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____



**TOWN OF MONT VERNON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

McCollom Bldg, Main Street

P.O. Box 417

Mont Vernon, NH 03057

603-673-9126

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Registrations | \$359,846.66 |
| Title Applications | 1,142.00 |
| Dog Licenses (including penalties) | 4,263.00 |
| Returned Checks and Fees | 919.00 |
| Vital Statistics Copies | 274.00 |
| UCC Filings | 420.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 405.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 861.00 |
| Filing Fees | <u>37.00</u> |
| | \$368,167.66 |

Town Clerk Hours:

5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Mondays and Wednesdays

9:00 AM to Noon Tuesdays, Thursdays

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
2003
BIRTHS

| NAME OF CHILD | PLACE | DATE | PARENTS |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| Steenhoek, Genevieve Diane | Nashua, NH | January 5, 2003 | Steenhoek, Patrick Steenhoek, Lee Anne |
| Fox, Alexander Gerhard | Manchester, NH | February 6, 2003 | Fox, Gerhard Fox, Tanya |
| Bradshaw, Rylee Rayne | Nashua, NH | March 13, 2003 | Bradshaw, Mark Bradshaw, Tracey |
| Hodgkins, Anson Elijah | Nashua, NH | April 10, 2003 | Hodgkins, Devon Hodgkins, Angela |
| Rieth, David Michael | Concord, NH | April 15, 2003 | Rieth, David Rieth, Susan |
| Casey, John Macleod | Nashua, NH | April 26, 2003 | Casey, James Casey, Susan |
| Carroll, Hannah Victoria | Nashua, NH | April 28, 2003 | Carroll, David Carroll, Anita |
| Cowieson, Sonali Marie | Manchester, NH | May 8, 2003 | Cowieson, Kevin Cowieson, Toral |
| Robinson, Garrett Milton | Nashua, NH | June 18, 2003 | Robinson, Milton Robinson, Jayma |
| Morrisette, Jacob Matthew | Nashua, NH | June 27, 2003 | Morrisette, Matthew Morrisette, Caroline |
| Johnson, Carolyn Ann | Peterborough, NH | July 8, 2003 | Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Erin |
| Quinlan, Taryn Olivia | Manchester, NH | August 2, 2003 | Quinlan, John Quinlan, Debra |
| Dean, Rochelle Elizabeth | Nashua, NH | September 17, 2003 | Dean, Andrew Dean, Kristine |
| Bostwick, Erica Catherine | Nashua, NH | October 29, 2003 | Bostwick, James Bostwick, Teresa |
| Henderson, Jace Carleton | Manchester, NH | October 31, 2003 | Henderson, James Carleton-Henderson, Linda |
| Bertrand, Avery Keith | Manchester, NH | December 7, 2003 | Bertrand, Shawn Bertrand, Jennifer |
| Davidson, William Robert | Nashua, NH | December 19, 2003 | Davidson, William Davidson, Sara |
| Davis, Levi Gilford | Nashua, NH | December 25, 2003 | Davis, Brian Davis, Heather |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
2003
MARRIAGES

| DATE and PLACE | NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE | RESIDENCE TOWN / STATE | BIRTH- PLACE |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| February 14, 2003 Manchester | Sirk III, Bobby Brean Giguere, Amanda Marie | Mont Vernon, NH Mont Vernon, NH | WV NH |
| April 20, 2003 Mont Vernon | Cowieson, Kevin Thomas Aymer Daftary, Toral Jyotindrakumar Shantilal | Mont Vernon, NH Mont Vernon, NH | Canada India |
| May 10, 2003 Milford | Pomeroy, Gregory Keith Hanlon, Christina May | Mont Vernon, NH Amherst, NH | NH NH |
| July 13, 2003 Nashua | D'Augustine, Nicholas Donovan, Sandra Lynn | Mont Vernon, NH Mont Vernon, NH | NJ NH |
| July 13, 2003 Windham | Cepeck, Brian D Dwyer, Cassandra J | Manchester, NH Mont Vernon, NH | |
| August 30, 2003 Nashua | Manley, Joshua T Rousseau, Korri L | Mont Vernon, NH Mont Vernon, NH | MA MA |
| September 13, 2003 Milford | Hatfield, Matthew J Gould, Erin Renee Patricia | Amherst, NH Amherst, NH | NH MA |
| September 13, 2003 Merrimack | Wilkins, Todd A Gordon, Jennifer R | Mont Vernon, NH Wilton, NH | NH NH |
| November 15, 2003 Brookline | Purchase, Michael S Wright, Stacy A | Mont Vernon, NH Mont Vernon, NH | MA MA |
| December 5, 2003 Mason | Romero, Hector J Salisbury, Linda D | Mason, NH Mont Vernon, NH | Mexico RI |
| | | | |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
2003
DEATHS

| NAME OF DECEASED | PLACE OF DEATH | DATE OF DEATH | PARENTS NAMES |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Conrey, Lula E | Mont Vernon, NH | March 7, 2003 | Wright, Arthur Flanders, Nancy |
| Chisholm, Margaret E | Manchester, NH | April 7, 2003 | Spooner, Eugene Browne, Helen |
| Nathan, Donald J | Nashua, NH | May 20, 2003 | Nathan, Julius Beauchea, Olivette |
| Bonczar, Joseph | Nashua, NH | June 28, 2003 | Bonczar, Martin Wisnioska, Josephine |
| Frizzell, Christopher S | Mont Vernon, NH | July 22, 2003 | Frizzell, Stephen Fournier, Barbara |
| Deady, Florence M | Mont Vernon, NH | September 13, 2003 | Najem, Joseph Saad, Eva |
| Ashlock, Margaret L | Mont Vernon, NH | October 6, 2003 | Tate, George Canady, Melissa |
| Olsen, Arthur K | Merrimack, NH | October 14, 2003 | Olsen, August Holm, Karen |
| Cassidy, Irene B | Nashua, NH | November 29, 2003 | McQueen, Ernest Brodie, Maud |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON
2003
BURIAL TRANSIT PERMITS

| PERMIT # DATE ISSUED | NAME | METHOD | PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION | DATE OF DEATH |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|
| 03001 July 24, 2003 | Frizzell, Christopher Stephen | Cremation | Concord Crematorium, Concord, NH | July 22, 2003 |
| 03002 March 10, 2003 | Conrey, Lula Emma | Burial | Riverside Cemetery, Milford, NH | March 7, 2003 |
| 03003 March 10, 2003 | Morse, Rosemary | Burial | Greenlawn Cemetery, Mont Vernon, NH | March 8, 2003 |
| 03004 May 9, 2003 | Stone, Alice Winifred | Burial | Greenlawn Cemetery, Mont Vernon, NH | March 26, 2003 |
| 03005 May 14, 2003 | Chisholm, Margaret Elizabeth | Burial | Greenlawn Cemetery, Mont Vernon, NH | April 7, 2003 |
| 03006 September 22, 2003 | Lam Barth, David Arnold | Burial | Greenlawn Cemetery, Mont Vernon, NH | September 14, 2003 |
| 03007 October 7, 2003 | Ashlock, Margaret Louise | Burial | Valhalla Memorial Park, Godfrey, IL | October 6, 2003 |

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

RECEIPTS:

FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| PROPERTY TAX 2003 | 4,087,568.45 |
| PROPERTY TAX 2002 | 258,486.15 |
| PROPERTY TAX 2001 | 15,960.93 |
| PROPERTY TAX 2000 | 17,227.61 |
| PROPERTY TAX 1999 | 10,282.29 |
| PROPERTY TAX PRIOR YEARS | 8,153.95 |
| PROPERTY TAX INTEREST & COSTS | 32,992.94 |
| USE TAXES | 32,501.19 |
| USE TAX INTEREST AND PENALTIES | 2,856.70 |
| YIELD TAXES | 3,402.67 |
| YIELD TAX INTEREST AND PENALTIES | 49.86 |
| OVER PAYMENTS | 13,771.84 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR | \$4,483,254.58 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|

FROM TOWN CLERK:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS | \$360,988.66 |
| DOG LICENSES & PENALTIES | 4,263.00 |
| MARRIAGE LICENSES | 405.00 |
| U.C.C. FEES | 420.00 |
| VITAL STATISTICS FEES | 274.00 |
| FILING FEES | 37.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 1,780.00 |

\$368,167.66

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| SHARED REVENUE | \$20,255.00 |
| HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT | 70,086.51 |
| ROOMS & MEALS TAX | 65,341.79 |

\$155,683.30

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$11,324.14 |
| FEDERAL GRANT POLICE | 11,872.50 |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS BI CENT | 11,068.04 |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS -HYW CAP RES | 60,000.00 |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - HYW EQUIP | 15,000.00 |
| TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - HYW GARAGE | 13,000.00 |
| HIGHWAY STORM REINBURSEMENT | 6,752.55 |
| CEMETERY | 1,422.65 |
| HIGHWAY CEMERTARY REINBURSEMENT | 1,746.00 |
| JUNK YARD PERMITS | 25.00 |
| TRANSFER STATION | 1,473.53 |
| RENTAL TOWN PROPERTY | 750.00 |
| SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY | 16,178.50 |
| BUILDING PERMITS | 9,818.47 |
| DRIVEWAY PERMITS | 160.00 |
| HISTORIC DISTRICT FEES | 100.00 |
| PLANNING BOARD FEES | 4,037.00 |
| ZBA FEES | 423.70 |
| BICENTENNIAL REVENUE | 6,360.00 |
| TOWN HISTORIES | 208.00 |
| RECREATION | 1,000.00 |
| INSURANCE REFUNDS | 5,209.55 |
| CONSULTING REINBURSEMENTS | 1,009.93 |
| CABLE FEES | 15,107.27 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE | 1,529.30 |
| COPIES, POSTAGE, ETC | 669.00 |
| ROAD BONDS | 167,325.00 |
| LIBRARY CLEANING | 2,500.00 |
| INTEREST CITIZEN NOW ACCOUNTS | 138.43 |
| INTEREST CITIZEN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT | 10,918.75 |
| INTEREST NHPD INVESTMENT POOL | 439.14 |

\$377,566.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$5,384,671.99**

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

SUMMARY OF NOW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2002 | \$13,373.99 |
| TRANSFERS & DEPOSITS | 5,538,772.41 |
| INTEREST ON NOW ACCOUNT | 138.43 |
| PAID ON SELECTMEN'S ORDERS | 5,518,683.79 |
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2003 | <u>\$33,601.04</u> |

SUMMARY OF NHPD INVESTMENT POOL

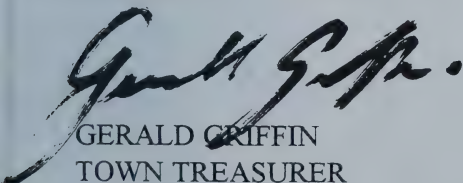
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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2002 | \$54,366.46 |
| INTEREST ON NHPD INVESTMENT POOL | 439.14 |
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2003 | <u>\$54,805.60</u> |

SUMMARY OF CITIZENS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2002 | \$1,794,268.43 |
| DEPOSITS | 5,286,234.75 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 10,918.75 |
| TRANSFERS TO NOW ACCOUNT | 5,451,831.49 |
| BALANCE ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 2003 | <u>\$1,639,590.44</u> |

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| TOTAL CASH ON DEPOSIT - DECEMBER 31, 2003 | <u>\$1,727,997.08</u> |
|---|-----------------------|

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


GERALD GRIFFIN
TOWN TREASURER

MONT VERNON TRUSTEES of the TRUST FUNDS
2003 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Trust Funds Balance January 1, 2003 | \$ 1,000,130.86 |
| Income: Interest & Dividends | \$ 22,302.24 |
| Capital Gains | \$ (117,425.71) |
| New Contributions | \$ 1,620.00 |
| Expenditures: Scholarships, Cemetery, Books etc. | \$ (16,395.67) |
| Funds in Trust December 31, 2003 | <u>\$ 890,231.72</u> |

INVESTMENTS

| | Original Cost | Market Value |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Certificates of Deposit | \$ 395,000.00 | |
| Government Bonds | \$ 20,000.00 | |

Equity Mutual Funds

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 857 Fidelity Diversified International | \$ 18,079.66 | \$ 20,686.98 |
| 270 Growth Fund of America | \$ 6,250.00 | \$ 6,639.62 |
| 2063 Investment Company of America | \$ 37,957.02 | \$ 59,507.13 |
| 1538 MFS Series Trust I Value Fund Cl B | \$ 31,500.00 | \$ 31,168.86 |
| 899 Washington Mutual Investors Fund | \$ 12,933.36 | \$ 25,869.08 |

Fixed Income Mutual Funds

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2574 Fidelity Intermediate Bond Fund | \$ 27,119.47 | \$ 27,439.59 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|

Balanced Mutual Funds

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1509 AIM Balanced Fund Cl B | \$ 34,000.00 | \$ 36,022.19 |
| 826 Capital Income Builder Cl A | \$ 37,255.07 | \$ 39,573.50 |
| 4153 Income Fund of America | \$ 58,864.89 | \$ 71,353.69 |
| 1728 MFS Series Trust V Total Return Fund Cl B | \$ 24,522.58 | \$ 26,077.92 |
| 1400 MFS Series Trust VI Global Total Return Cl B | \$ 17,757.73 | \$ 19,424.27 |

Closed End Funds

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1612 ING Prime Rate Trust | \$ 16,194.72 | \$ 12,783.16 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

All funds held in common investments. Cemetery fund =
Income to be used for maintenance of Perpetual Care Lots

| | <u>PRINCIPAL</u> | <u>INCOME</u> |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| | 49.34% | |
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 108,457.74 | \$ 376,993.79 |
| New Funds | \$ 1,120.00 | |
| Income | | \$ 10,899.97 |
| Capital Gains | \$ (12,672.32) | \$ (44,853.81) |
| Expenditures: Maintenance, Improvements | | \$ (683.07) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 96,905.42 | \$ 342,356.88 |

SKENDERIAN FAMILY TRUST #1

All funds held in common investments. Trust #1 =
Income to provide medical aid to elderly/and or needy

| | <u>PRINCIPAL</u> | <u>INCOME</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 5.33% | |
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 41,231.63 | \$ 12,447.08 |
| Income | | \$ 1,191.55 |
| Capital Gains | \$ (4,817.54) | \$ (1,437.31) |
| Aid Payments | | \$ (1,143.63) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 36,414.09 | \$ 11,057.69 |

SKENDERIAN FAMILY TRUST #2

All funds held in common investments. Trust #2 =
Income for scholarships

| | <u>PRINCIPAL</u> | <u>INCOME</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 3.47% | |
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 34,141.08 | \$ 1,736.40 |
| Income | | \$ 799.99 |
| Capital Gains | \$ (3,989.08) | \$ (259.56) |
| Scholarships | | \$ (1,500.00) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 30,152.00 | \$ 776.83 |

SKENDERIAN FAMILY TRUST #3

All funds held in common investments. Trust #3 =
Income for benefit of Mont Vernon Fire Department

| | <u>PRINCIPAL</u> | <u>INCOME</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 0.91% | |
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 8,948.82 | \$ 232.47 |
| Income to Principal Transfer | \$ 23.25 | \$ (23.25) |
| Income | | \$ 206.15 |
| Capital Gains | \$ (1,048.31) | \$ (39.68) |
| Paid to Mont Vernon Fire Department | | \$ (209.22) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 7,923.76 | \$ 166.47 |

SKENDERIAN FAMILY TRUST #4

All funds held in common investments. Trust #4 =

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

4.99%

Income for Conservation, Recreation and/or other commissions

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 41,230.76 \$ 12,795.45

Income

\$ 1,171.83

Capital Gains

\$ (4,817.44) \$ (1,000.39)

Expenditures

\$ (5,000.00)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 36,413.32 \$ 7,966.89

SKENDERIAN FAMILY TRUST #5

All funds held in common investments. Trust #5 =

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

10.04%

Income for Scholarships

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 95,775.46 \$ 5,326.75

Income

\$ 2,259.61

Capital Gains

\$ (11,190.50) \$ (784.42)

Scholarships

\$ (2,000.00)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 84,584.96 \$ 4,801.94

BANCROFT-LONG MEMORIAL FUND

All funds held in common investments. Bancroft-Long =

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

1.92%

Income for beatification of the town

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 15,335.58 \$ 3,588.42

Income

\$ 424.90

Capital Gains

\$ (1,791.83) \$ (450.67)

Expenditures

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 13,543.75 \$ 3,562.65

CLARA KENDALL TRUST FUND

All funds held in common investments. Kendall Trust =

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

2.24%

Income for general improvements in the Cemetery

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 14,984.64 \$ 7,308.53

Income

\$ 496.81

Capital Gains

\$ (1,750.82) \$ (863.15)

Expenditures

\$ (235.85)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 13,233.82 \$ 6,706.34

FIDELIA WHIPPLE SHEDD FUND

All funds held in common investments. Shedd Fund =
Income for improvement of the village

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

2.24%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 17,545.83 \$ 4,532.01

Income

\$ 495.72

Capital Gains

\$ (2,050.08) \$ (566.16)

Expenditures

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 15,495.75 \$ 4,461.57

GLADYS GOODWIN TRUST FUND

All funds held in common investments. Goodwin Trust =
income for flowers on Temple Cemetery lots

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

0.14%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 836.84 \$ 568.06

Income

\$ 31.19

Capital Gains

\$ (97.78) \$ (65.89)

Payment for flowers

\$ (23.90)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 739.06 \$ 509.46

McCOLLOM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

All funds held in common investments. McCollom Trust =
income for scholarships

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

7.32%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 71,335.33 \$ 2,501.38

Income

\$ 1,653.18

Capital Gains

\$ (8,334.89) \$ (411.64)

Scholarships

\$ (1,500.00)

Administrative Costs

\$ (100.00)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 63,000.44 \$ 2,142.92

GREGORY J. GRIFFIN TRUST

All funds held in common investments. Griffin Trust =
income for scholarships

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

2.72%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 25,048.63 \$ 1,819.89

Additional contributions

\$ 500.00

Income

\$ 605.28

Capital Gains

\$ (2,985.13) \$ (255.87)

Scholarships

\$ (500.00)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 22,563.50 \$ 1,669.30

RUTH I. HANSCOM TRUST

All funds held in common investments. Hanscom Trust =
Income for aid to elderly residents

Balance 1/1/03

Income

Capital Gains

Balance 12/31/03

PRINCIPAL

0.44%

INCOME

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| \$ 4,269.58 | \$ 14.99 |
| | \$ 96.20 |
| \$ (498.86) | \$ (8.86) |
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| \$ 3,770.72 | \$ 102.33 |

MONT VERNON PUBLIC**LIBRARY TRUST**

All funds held in common investments. This trust =
Income for books & supplies - formerly Skenderian #6

Balance 1/1/03

Income to Principal Transfer

Income

Capital Gains

Balance 12/31/03

PRINCIPAL

3.35%

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| \$ 27,956.25 | \$ 5,000.33 |
| \$ 163.53 | \$ (163.53) |
| | \$ 739.99 |
| \$ (3,285.55) | \$ (619.82) |
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| \$ 24,834.23 | \$ 4,956.97 |

AMY HUBBARD FEYS TRUST

All funds held in common investments. Feys Trust Fund =
Income for books

Balance 1/1/03

Income

Capital Gains

Balance 12/31/03

PRINCIPAL

0.33%

INCOME

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| \$ 2,624.59 | \$ 664.78 |
| | \$ 73.85 |
| \$ (306.66) | \$ (83.13) |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| \$ 2,317.93 | \$ 655.50 |

Von WEBER FUND

All funds held in common investment. Von Weber Fund =
Income for library use

Balance 1/1/03

Income

Capital Gains

Expenditures

Balance 12/31/03

PRINCIPAL

2.96%

INCOME

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$ 26,068.55 | \$ 6,603.00 |
| | \$ 657.42 |
| \$ (3,045.88) | \$ (411.24) |
| | \$ (3,500.00) |
| <hr/> | <hr/> |
| \$ 23,022.67 | \$ 3,349.18 |

TEMPLE - GOODWIN FUNDAll funds held in common investment. Temple-Goodwin =
Income for books**PRINCIPAL****INCOME**

0.90%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 2,669.23 \$ 6,226.19

Income

\$ 199.73

Capital Gains

\$ (311.88) \$ (742.23)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 2,357.35 \$ 5,683.69

MAUDE E. SMITH FUND

All funds held in common investment. M E Smith Fund =

PRINCIPAL**INCOME**

0.46%

Income for books

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 1,312.30 \$ 3,191.50

Income

\$ 101.13

Capital Gains

\$ (153.33) \$ (380.37)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 1,158.97 \$ 2,912.26

LIBRARY BUILDING EXPANSION FUND**Total**All funds held in common investment. Expansion Fund =
expendable trust

0.89%

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 8,807.00

Contribution

Income

\$ 197.74

Capital Gains

\$ (1,043.63)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ 7,961.11

Capital Reserve Funds in Trust January 1, 2003

\$ 477,947.01

Interest Income

\$ 11,890.37

New Contributions

\$ 170,947.00

Expenditures

\$ (120,568.04)

Capital Reserve Funds in Trust December 31, 2003

\$ 540,216.34

BICENTENNIAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**Total**

established Town Meeting 3/12/02

Balance 1/1/03

\$ 10,787.75

Interest

\$ 280.29

Expenditures

\$ (11,068.04)

Balance 12/31/03

\$ -

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY EXPENDABLE TRUST

MV Village School Computer needs

| | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 303. |
| Interest | \$ 38. |
| School Dist Appropriation received 1/28 & 11/12/03 | \$ 9,000 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 9,342. |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND

Fund for use at discretion of Conservation Commission

| | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 57,147.4 |
| Town appropriation 3/11/03 | \$ 30,000.0 |
| Interest | \$ 436.5 |
| Expenditures | \$ (21,500.0) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 66,084.3 |

FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Principal & Income for Fire Dept. Vehicle Purchase

| | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 77,169.8 |
| Town appropriation 3/11/03 | \$ 30,000.0 |
| Interest | \$ 2,768.6 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 109,938.4 |

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Principal & Income for heavy equipment replacement

| | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 86,892.0 |
| Interest | \$ 363.1 |
| Expenditures | \$ (75,000.0) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 12,255.1 |

HIGHWAY GARAGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Principal & Income for building a highway garage

| | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 52,282.2 |
| Town appropriation 3/11/03 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Interest | \$ 866.50 |
| Expenditures | \$ (13,000.00) |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 60,148.71 |

LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**Total**

Principal & Income to be used for Daland Library capital improvements

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 71,626.67 |
| Town appropriation 3/11/03 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Interest | \$ 1,366.96 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 82,993.63 |

Matching funds received from Daland Trustees

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 116,917.33 |
| Interest | \$ 3,700.71 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 120,618.04 |

MTV SCHOOL LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT**Total**

Mont Vernon School Future Land Purchase Account

| | |
|--|--------------|
| School Dist Appropriation received 2/20/03 | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Interest | \$ 1,942.39 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 51,942.39 |

MTV VILLAGE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT**Total**

Mont Vernon Village School Maintenance

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Balance 1/1/03 | \$ 4,819.89 |
| School Dist Appropriation received 1/28 & 11/12/03 | \$ 21,947.00 |
| Interest | \$ 126.24 |
| Balance 12/31/03 | \$ 26,893.13 |

Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

In 2003 the Zoning Board of Adjustment heard four cases. Joe Conrad replaced Jo Ann Smith as a member during the year.

| Case # | Description | Decision |
|--------|---|----------|
| 03-01 | Variance to construct an addition within the front setback. | Granted |
| 03-02 | Variance to construct an addition within the front setback | Granted |
| 03-03 | Variance to construct an addition within the front setback | Granted |
| 03-04 | Special Exception for a wetlands crossing and minor fill. | Granted |

Zoning Board of Adjustment members:

Walter Collins, Chair
Joseph Conrad, Clerk
H. Allan MacGillivray
Roger Pinchard
Jeanette Vinton

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Collins, Chair

MONT VERNON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT—2003



*"Back two hundred years ago
Our forefathers had much ambition
And because we know it's so
We will try to keep this tradition...
Soon the town will make
a humungous birthday cake
And everyone will sing and they will cheer!
...Don't you wait, wait, wait
Let's all celebrate...
Celebrate 'til the cows come home!!
Music from 1917 musical "Jack O'Lantern"
Words written by Nancy M. Sandahl
Adapted for "The Moooving Story of Mont Vernon"
Fifth Graders' Presentation*

The monthly events that were held in 2003 to commemorate Mont Vernon's 200th birthday are now just a memory, but thanks to the history buffs, photographers and videographers, they have been well documented.

Reflecting back on all the special events, we recognize that we reached the objectives that we set several years ago when we embarked upon the planning of the celebration—to include and embrace all ages and interests, town clubs and organizations. We hope that our townspeople had a good time, learned more about the history of Mont Vernon, experienced some nostalgic traditions while establishing some new ones, and bonded with their fellow townspeople.

The photos that appear throughout this Town Report captured some of the special moments. Events included: "Flannel and Fritz" spaghetti dinner with guest speaker Fritz Wetherbee, a soup and sledding party, "The Moooving Story of Mont Vernon" presented by the fifth graders and directed by Nancy Sandahl, a town meeting lunch, and swing dancing with the Temple Band. Chief Mark Schultz held a contest to design a new uniform patch for the Mont Vernon Police Department, which was won by Dawn Lyon. Summer events included a Purgatory Falls picnic and walk, a classic car show, and Recreation Commission-sponsored Town Tournaments. Old Home Days Weekend in August was a fabulous success. American flags donated by the Wilkins family adorned Main Street, while Governor Benson marched in our big parade. There were special family activities, 4-H demonstrations, a Fun Run, Fire Department breakfast and dance; Purgatory Pie Contest, a pig roast, and a special church service. Fall events featured Lamson Farm Day with a Barn Dance, "Celebrate Seniors" program, and a Veterans Day observance. The year culminated on December 15, our official birthday, featuring over 100 cakes contributed by townspeople to create our giant tapestry birthday cake, speeches by dignitaries, and a magnificent fireworks display. Our mascot, Veronica the wooden cow made an appearance at every event!

Financially, spending for the bicentennial events was well within budget. On March 11, 2003 we were voted \$45,787 for our year-long celebration. At year end we had spent \$35,996.05 and returned to the general fund revenue of \$7,298—for a net cost of \$28,698.05. This was due in part to the wonderful volunteers who contributed both time and money for the monthly programs, and, also fundraising efforts and adherence to the budget by the committee members.

The blending of the talents and skills of Mont Vernon artists, bakers, floral arrangers, float designers, Fire Department, Highway Department, Police Department and volunteers on and behind the scenes, all contributed to the successful presentation of each event. And our bicentennial stonewall is a tangible landmark representing that cooperative effort.

We would like to thank each and every volunteer and supporter, and would like to give special recognition to our Core Committee members: Alan Smith, Shirley Levesque, Eileen Naber (Treasurer), Vicky Arico, and Anne Dodd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zoe Fimbel, Dawn Lyon and Jay Wilson
Mont Vernon Bicentennial Committee Co-Chairs

Amos Shepard, President

Approved Dec. 15th, 1803

J. T. Gilman, Governor

A true copy, Attest, Philip Carriocain, Secretary

State of New Hampshire

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three.

An Act to incorporate the northwesterly part of Amherst into a Town and invest the inhabitants thereof with all such privileges and immunities as other Towns in this state hold and enjoy.

Whereas a petition signed by a number of the Inhabitants of the Northwesterly part of Amherst, praying to be set off from the town of Amherst and incorporated into a separate Town has been presented to the General Court and the prayer thereof in part appearing reasonable. Therefore, Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court convened that all lands and Inhabitants within the following limits namely beginning at the northwest corner of Amherst on New Boston south line then running southerly on the west line of Amherst about four miles and a half to the northwest corner of

the town of Milford, thence easterly on the north line of Milford to the southwest corner of a lot of land now in possession of David Dodge and John Cochran, thence northerly to the Northwest corner thereof, thence easterly to the Southwest corner of a lot now in possession of Nathan Fuller and John Fuller, thence northerly to the Northwest corner thereof, thence easterly on the north line of said Fuller's lot and the North line of Elisha Felton's house lot and the same course on the South line of Enos Bradford and Lambert Bradford's land, to the Southeast corner of land now or lately owned by Enos Bradford, thence northerly on the East line of said land and the East line of a lot now owned by John Clap to the northeast corner of said Clap's land, thence a few rods to the southwest corner of a lot now in possession of Andrew Leavitt, thence northerly on the west line of said lot in possession of said Leavitt and on the West line of a lot now owned by Robert Means and others to the Southwest corner of land now owned by Joseph Nichol's thence northerly on the west line of said Nichols' land to the northwest corner thereof thence easterly on the north line of said Nichols' land, to a line running South from the East side of Henry Spaldings' land, thence north to the Southeast corner of said Spalding's land, and on the Easterly line thereof untill it intersects the South line of New Boston, thence Westerly on the South line of New Boston to the place of

beginning:

And the same are hereby

incorporated into a Town by the name of Mont

Vernon and the Inhabitants who now reside, or, shall hereafter reside within the before mentioned boundaries are made and constituted a body politic and corporate and invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities which other Towns in this State by Law are entitled to enjoy to remain a distinct Town and to have continuance and succession forever.

And be it further enacted that all monies or other property now due, or, that shall hereafter become due or the property of the Town of Amherst by virtue of any grant or other act done or performed before the passing of this Act, shall be divided between the remaining Town of Amherst and the said Town of Mont Vernon according to their present proportion of public taxes, provided always that nothing in this Act contained shall in any wise release the Inhabitants of the said Northwesterly part of the Town of Amherst from paying their proportion of all debts now due from the Town of Amherst or the proportion of the support and relief of the present poor of said Town, including all those supported in whole or in part or from paying their proportion of the support of any poor persons now resident in other Towns which by Law the Town of Amherst may hereafter be liable to relieve or support; but the same may be assessed, levied, and collected from

the Inhabitants of the northwest part of Amherst, now Mont Vernon in the same way and manner as if this Act had not been passed.

And be it further enacted, that Joseph Langdon and Joseph Perkins, Jun. Or either of them be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to call a meeting of the said Inhabitants for the purpose of choosing all necessary Town Officers, and either said Langdon or Perkins shall preside therein until a Moderator shall be chosen to govern said meeting, which shall be warned by posting up notice therefor at the Meeting-house in said Mont Vernon fourteen days prior to the day of holding the same: and the annual meetings for the choice of Town Officers shall be holden on the first Monday of March annually.

State of New Hampshire

In Senate Dec. 8th, 1803.

The foregoing Bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Sent down for concurrence,

Amos Shepard, President.

In the House of Representatives, Dec. 9th, 1803.

The foregoing Bill having been read a third time was enacted,

John Prentice, Speaker

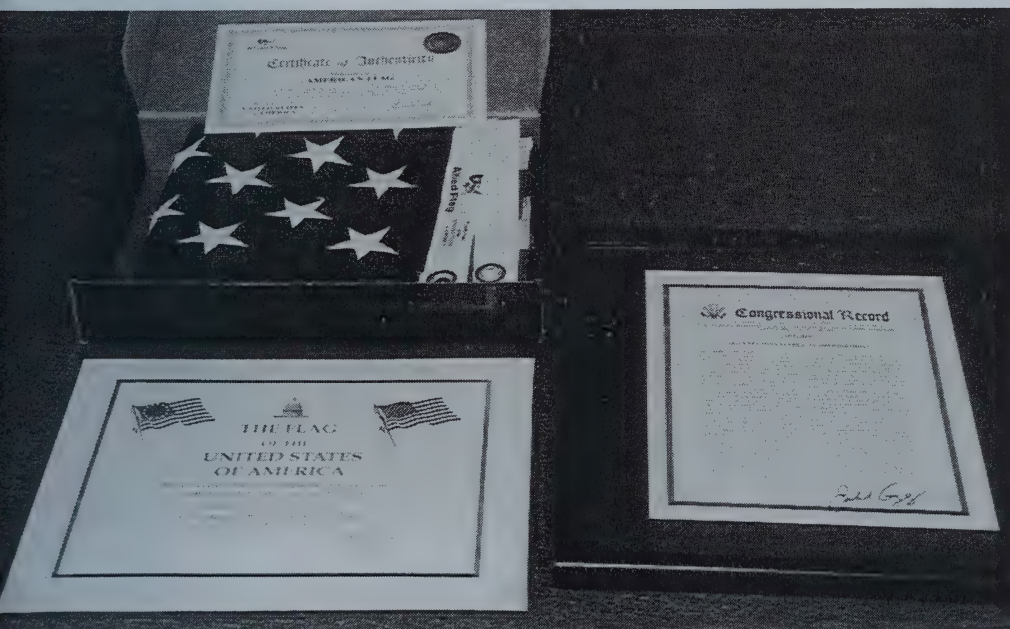
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J. T. Gilman, Governor

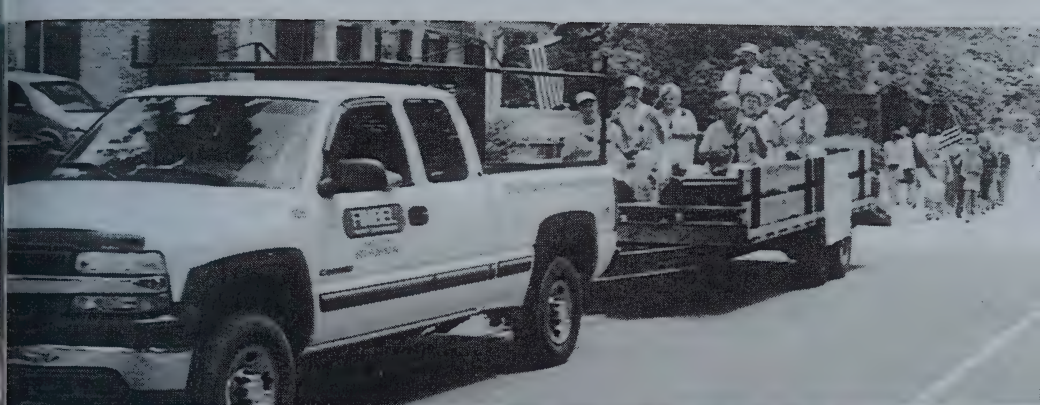
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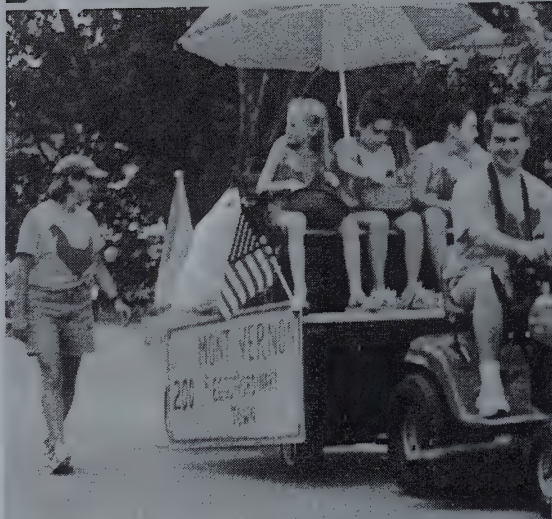
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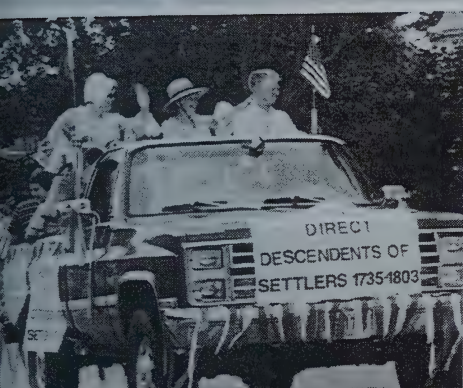
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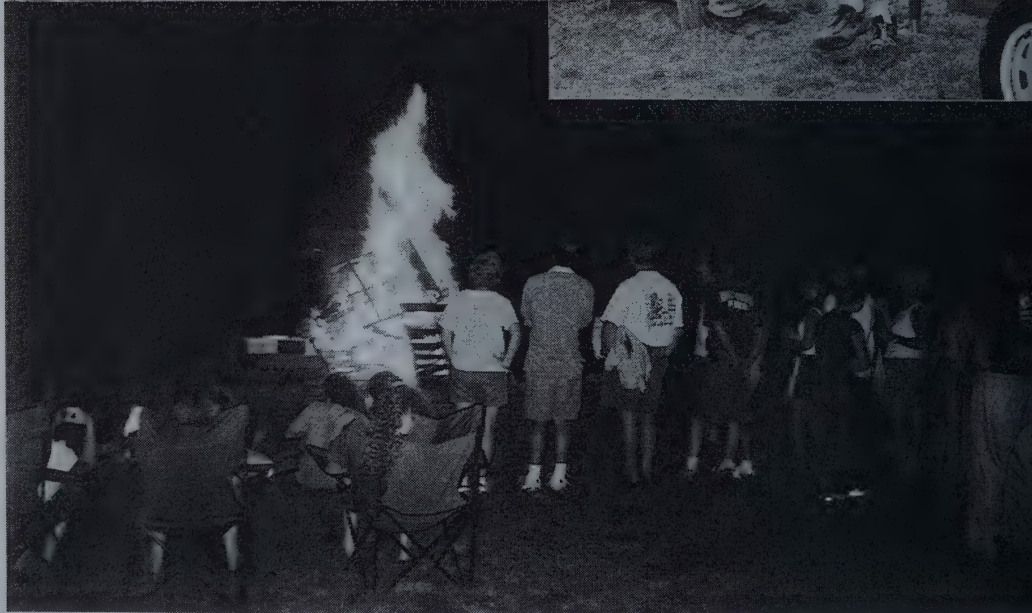
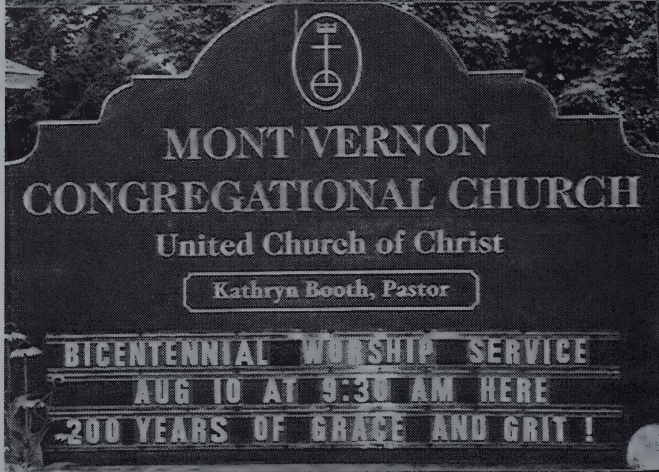
















2003 TOWN MEETING TOWN OF MONT VERNON THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 11, 2003 and March 15, 2003

Moderator Peter Hayden opened the polls at 8:00 AM and closed the polls at 7:00 PM.

Article 1. Town Officers Elected:

| | | |
|---|----------------------|-----|
| Selectman For Three Years | Peter L. Savage | 399 |
| Treasurer For One Year | Gerald Griffin | 398 |
| Tax Collector For One Year | Sarah R. Benjamin | 458 |
| Town Clerk For One Year | Marilyn F. Savage | 425 |
| Trustee Of Trust Funds For Three Years | John H. Morison III | 451 |
| Library Trustee For Three Years | Janice M. Quinn | 436 |
| Library Trustee For One Year | Cindy Raspiller | 425 |
| Cemetery Trustee For Three Years | Darold W. Rorabacher | 447 |
| Fireward For Three Years | Kevin E. Pomeroy | 476 |
| Auditor For Two Years | Sharon Wells | 4 |
| | Al Smith | 3 |
| | Sean Mamone | 2 |

(1 Each For John Koch, Eileen Nabor, Paul Apple, Jim Mason, Charlie Dodd, Robert Kadlec, Gerald Griffin, Susan Mead, Jay Wilson)

| | | |
|---|------------|---|
| Auditor For One Year | Mike Wells | 3 |
| <i>(1 Each For Connie Koch, Al Smith, Roland Smith, Sean Mamone, Susan Swartz, Hedley Parsons, Cindy Kilmen, Stan Smith, JoAnn Smith, Sharon Wells, Steve Kilmen)</i> | | |

| | | |
|---|------------------|-----|
| Supervisor Of The Checklist For One Year | Joseph Conrad | 415 |
| Overseer Of Public Welfare For One Year | Zoe Ellen Fimbel | 435 |

Article 2. Voted to amend the Town's Zoning by adding an Impact Fee ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. The text of said ordinance to be in the form as placed on file at the Town Hall Office for public review. Said ordinance enables and authorizes the Town to access and collect an Impact fee on the development of all lots of record created under applications formally accepted by the Planning Board on or after October 22, 2002, the date the first public posting. The fees collected, if any, would be used to offset Capital costs of the Town and School Districts necessitated by growth. (The full text of the proposed ordinance is available to the public at the Town Hall Office).

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As written on Ballot:

Question 1 (Warrant Article 2)

Are you in favor of adding an impact fee ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Said ordinance would enable the Town to assess and collect an impact fee on the development of all new lots created by subdivision. *(The Planning Board voted to support this article by a vote of 6 to 1)*

YES 435

NO 86

Article 3. Voted to amend section I-305.3(e) by changing to required area of open space from 30% to 40% and to further insert the following after the first sentence of said section: "The designated open space may include water bodies, wetlands, and/or steep slopes, but these shall not count toward the acreage calculation of the open space parcel(s)". The amend section I-305.3(e) would read with changes in italics, as follows:

I-305.(e) Open space Development shall have at least **forty percent (40%)** of the Net Tract Area set aside as common space for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the development and/or the general public and shall be permanently restricted for open space. **The designated open space may include water bodies, wetlands, and/or steep slopes, but these shall not count toward the acreage calculation of the open space parcel(s).** Recreation facilities and equipment, as determined through consultation with the Planning Board, may be constructed or installed by the developer. The location, variety, accessibility and orientation to other uses of this common open space shall be suitable to the type and character of the proposed development and to the location of development within the Town.

As written on Ballot:

Question 2 (Warrant Article 3)

Are you in favor of amending section I-305.3(e) of the Town's Zoning, to increase the to required area of open space from 30% to 40% and to further insert the following after the first sentence of said section: "The designated open space may include water bodies, wetlands, and/or steep slopes, but these shall not count toward the acreage calculation of the open space parcel(s)". *(The Planning Board voted to SUPPORT this article by a vote of 5 to 2)*

YES 408

NO 104

Article 4. Voted to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Zoning Ordinance Section I-401 by adding to the first paragraph as the last sentence in that paragraph:

Except as herein provided, no building or land shall hereafter be used, constructed, or

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altered unless in conformity with the regulations herein specified for the zoning district in which it is located. [Proposed amended sentence:] **Any non-residential use in any of these districts shall comply with Mont Vernon's non-residential site plan review process.** (Planning Board recommends.)

As written on Ballot:

Question 3 (Warrant Article 4).

To see if the Town will amend Article 4, Section I-401 of the Town's Zoning by adding to the first paragraph as the last sentence in that paragraph: Any non-residential use in any of these districts shall comply with Mont Vernon's non-residential site plan review process. (*Planning Board recommends*)

YES 448 NO 60

Article 5. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

Voted not to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Zoning Ordinance Section I-401 by adding the following language after the existing sentence:

No non-residential use shall be permitted in any District unless the proposed use has been approved, or approved with conditions, by the Planning Board through the Non-Residential Site Plan Review process. The Planning Board shall not approve a proposed non-residential use unless, after public notice and hearing pursuant to the Non-Residential Site Plan Regulations, it finds that the proposed use meets all of the following criteria:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such use.
2. The use as developed will not adversely affect the neighborhood.
3. There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles, pedestrians, or abutters.
4. Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
5. The use will not be seriously detrimental or offensive to owners of adjoining property or to the Town, nor will it adversely affect property values of adjoining or other property in the immediate vicinity.
6. The use will not produce undesirable and preventable elements of pollution such as noise, smoke, soot, particles or any other discharge into the environment, which might prove harmful to persons, structures, or adjacent properties.

(Planning Board **UNANIMOUSLY** opposes)

As written on Ballot:

Question 4 (Warrant Article 5)

PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

Are you in favor of amending the Town's Zoning by adding the following to Section I-401 after the existing sentence:

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No non-residential use shall be permitted in any District unless the proposed use has been approved, or approved with conditions, by the Planning Board through the Non-Residential Site Plan Review process. The Planning Board shall not approve a proposed non-residential use unless, after public notice and hearing pursuant to the Non-Residential Site Plan Regulations, it finds that the proposed use meets all of the following criteria:

1. The specific site is an appropriate location for such use.
2. The use as developed will not adversely affect the neighborhood.
3. There will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles, pedestrians, or abutters.
4. Adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use.
5. The use will not be seriously detrimental or offensive to owners of adjoining property or to the Town, nor will it adversely affect property values of adjoining or other property in the immediate vicinity.
6. The use will not produce undesirable and preventable elements of pollution such as noise, smoke, soot, particles or any other discharge into the environment which might prove harmful to persons, structures, or adjacent properties.

(Planning Board UNANIMOUSLY opposes)

YES 153

NO 341

Article 6. Voted to hold future annual Town Meetings for the Town of Mont Vernon as one session to be held on the second Tuesday in March beginning with the choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on the said ballot and followed by a meeting for the transaction of all other business?

Note: In 2002 we voted to move the 2003 Town Meeting to the Saturday following the Tuesday ballot vote. We did this to accommodate the wishes of the Bicentennial Committee so that we could re-enact the way town meetings were held in the past. Voting yes on this article will move future town meetings back to the second Tuesday each March.

As written on Ballot:

Question 1 (Warrant Article 6)

Do you approve of having future annual Town Meetings for the Town of Mont Vernon as one session to be held on the second Tuesday in March beginning with the choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on the said ballot and followed by a meeting for the transaction of all other business?

Note: In 2002 we voted to move the 2003 Town Meeting to the Saturday following the Tuesday ballot vote. We did this to accommodate the wishes of the Bicentennial Committee so that we could re-enact the way town meetings were held in the past.

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Voting yes on this article will move future town meetings back to the second Tuesday each March.

(Selectmen recommend)

YES 379 NO 76

End Of Official Ballot Vote

Action on succeeding articles was deferred until 1:00 PM on Saturday March 15, 2003 at the Mont Vernon Village School.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM.

Note: Town Meeting Articles and Results - the moderator requested a show of hands instead of ayes/nays, however, unless an actual count was taken, the vote is recorded as a voice vote

Article 7. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. (Majority vote required)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 8. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete the paving of Wilton Road from Route 13 to the pavement beyond Upton Road. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 10. SPECIAL PURPOSE 5 YEAR NON-LAPSING ARTICLE

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand and Eighty Seven Dollars (\$70,087) for the reconstruction of Town roads. This article will be a five-year, non-lapsing article under the provisions of RSA 32:7VI.

(Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 11. Voted by amended motion to raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of replacing Highway

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Department Heavy Equipment. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motion passed to move the vote on Article 11 until after Article 21 (operating budget).

Motion amended amount from \$10,000 to \$0. Reserve should not be needed for several years as Article 21 amount was increased to cover lease-purchase of needed equipment.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a Caterpillar Front End Loader and authorize the withdrawal of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 13. Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of constructing a Highway Garage. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 14. Voted by amended motion to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of having preliminary site and engineering plans prepared on a proposed Highway Garage site and to authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Highway Garage Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motion to amend changed wording to add Highway Garage before the words Capital Reserve Fund and to remove the words "created to build a Highway Garage". Original wording was "... (\$20,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created to build a Highway Garage."

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ten Dollars (\$8,710) to be added to the Bi-Centennial Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:IC, for the purpose of supporting the Town's Bi-Centennial activity. Such sum so raised and appropriated will come from the Town's 12/31/02 unreserved fund balance. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

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Article 16. Voted by amended motion to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars (\$21,728) for the purpose of supporting the Town's Bi-Centennial Activities in 2003. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motion amended the amount from Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$19,837) to Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars (\$21,728)

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of purchasing or replacing Fire Trucks. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 36 A:5 for the purposes of purchasing land, development rights, easements, or other instruments necessary for the protection of the natural resources in the Town. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motions to amend included "Raise and appropriate 40% from the use change penalty tax as it is received to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established....." which was withdrawn due to concern that it would render the article invalid. **Motion** to increase amount to \$54,500, which is 40% of last year's current use penalty tax, also failed.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motion to increase amount to \$25,000 failed by standing vote of 28 for and 70 against.

Article 20. SPECIAL PURPOSE 2 YEAR NON-LAPSING ARTICLE

Voted by amended motion to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of a reevaluation of property in the Town and the purchase of all electronic software and hardware necessary to automate the Town's

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property appraisal process. Such sum so raised and appropriated shall come from the Town's 12/31/02 unreserved fund balance. This will be a two-year non-lapsing article. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motion amended amount from \$50,000 to \$40,000.

Article 21. Voted by amended motion to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$1,075,161) for the 2003 operating and maintenance budget, exclusive of warrant articles. (Selectmen Recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Motions to amend approved on the floor as follows:

General Govt. Buildings increased by \$34,000 from \$29,600 to \$63,600 to install either a new ramp or a lift to make McCollum Building ADA compliant

Standing vote: For 36 Against 35

Fire reduced by \$800.00 from \$32,385 to \$31,585, removed matching funds not needed because grant not received

Highways & Streets increased by \$25,173 for the lease-purchase of a highway grader (\$24,073) and a maintenance contract (\$1,100) and then a motion reduced Grader maintenance by \$190.00 because of the maintenance contract on grader. Final amount of Highway & Streets is \$396,577.

Conservation increased by \$875.00 from \$675.00 to \$1,500.

Article 22. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to renew the inter-municipal agreement by and among the towns of Amherst, Greenville, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton. For the operation of the Milford Area Communication Center which provides Dispatch services for Police, Fire, Ambulance, Public Works, and Emergency Management. For a period of five (5) Years, in accordance with RSA Chapter 53-A.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 23. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a 5-person study committee to research the fire department's building needs and to make recommendations on how best to address the issues identified during the structural analysis evaluation performed in 2002. Study committee membership to include: one Fire Ward, one member from the Board of Selectmen, and 3 town residents selected at large.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

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Article 24. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Walter Hill Road as shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agent. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 25. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept Cranes Crossing as shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agents. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 26. Voted not to authorize the re-naming of Hopkins Road to Dow Road. This is a housekeeping item as all the residents on this road currently have a Dow Road mailing address. (Selectmen recommend)

FAILED, VOICE VOTE

Article 27. Voted to discontinue as a public highway, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 231:43; that portion of Old New Boston Road, being more particularly described as commencing at the intersection of Route 13 starting at 340 feet and continuing for 615 feet south. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 28. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a new portion of Old New Boston Road as shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, provided that such street has been constructed to applicable Town specifications as determined by the Board of Selectmen or their agent. (Selectmen recommend)

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Article 29. PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLE

Resolved by amended motion:

The Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of

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them have a full time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Note: Motion to amend removed the third to last paragraph from original petition. Paragraph wording follows:

- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;

Article 30. Voted in favor of protecting lots 10-23 & 10-24, also known as the view lots, from development. A yes vote will support the Selectmen in negotiations with the owner for the purchase of the land, conservation easement, a/o development rights. This referendum will also help in awarding of potential State of New Hampshire grants. The Nashua Regional Planning Commission highly supports the protection of these lots.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Standing vote requested: For 86 Against 0

Article 31. Voted to accept reports of all Town Officers, Agents, Auditors, Committees, etc. and raise and appropriate any money relative thereto.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Note: Lamson Farm Report not included in this as it was brought forth that the copy in the town report is incorrect and a corrected copy will be submitted as soon as it is available.

Article 32. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

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MOTIONS:

As presented:

A single copy of any minutes of any municipal function shall be available without charge to any resident upon personal request

As Amended:

Voted not to make a single copy of any minutes of any municipal function shall be available without charge to any resident upon request in person

FAILED, VOICE VOTE

Voted to instruct the selectmen to re-examine the posted speed limit on Mont Vernon Hill (S. Main St) that was lowered to 30 mph.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Voted to request the moderator to appoint an Open Space Committee to study the appropriation of funding and designation of open spaces to protect the natural resources of the Town of Mont Vernon

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Voted to request the selectmen to establish a committee to study the future voting needs of the community including the impact of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, the cost of additional voting booths, and the cost of voting machines and the cost of associated materials and programming of said machines.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Voted that any motion made in writing shall be incorporated verbatim in the minutes.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a study committee to research the infrastructure requirements and costs of presenting all town municipal meetings on the CATV Channel.

PASSED, VOICE VOTE

Voted not to require that for expenses and/or projects that are not ordinary and routine, the Selectmen shall ensure public awareness in reasonable detail.

FAILED, VOICE VOTE

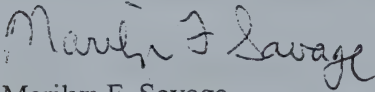
Meribeth Ratzel from the Conservation Commission explained that a study of Watershed Water Quality was looking for volunteers to have their water tested and the sign-up process.

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Peter King from the Village School Board presented awards to Tim Allen for 3 years of service as a school board member and to Victoria Arico for 8 years of service as school district clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn F. Savage". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Marilyn F. Savage
Town Clerk

2004

DETAILED OPERATING BUDGET

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES: | | | |
| | | | | |
| | SELECTMAN: | | | |
| 4-01-01210 | OFFICE SALARIES | 41,857 | 42192 | 45,218 |
| 4-01-01211 | FICA/MEDICARE | 3,202 | 2839 | 3,459 |
| 4-01-01212 | HEALTH INSURANCE | 9,050 | 11427 | 13,560 |
| 4-01-01213 | RETIREMENT | 1,323 | 1341 | 1,885 |
| 4-01-01215 | SUPPLIES, MISC. EXP | 1,200 | 2454 | 1,300 |
| 4-01-01220 | PRINTING & ADVERTISING | 2,200 | 2092 | 2,200 |
| 4-01-01225 | POSTAGE | 750 | 586 | 750 |
| 4-01-01230 | DUES, FEES & WORKSHOPS | 500 | 600 | 500 |
| 4-01-01235 | TELEPHONE/INTERNET ACCESS | 900 | 1423 | 1,640 |
| 4-01-01240 | EQUIP. SERVICE CONTRACTS | 508 | 415 | 500 |
| 4-01-01245 | MICROFILMING | 150 | 0 | 150 |
| 4-01-01250 | COMPUTER | 1,000 | 876 | 1,000 |
| | | | | |
| | SELECTMEN TOTAL | 62,640 | 66,245 | 72,162 |
| | | | | |
| | TAX COLLECTOR: | | | |
| 4-01-01271 | RECORDING FEES | 750 | 769 | 770 |
| 4-01-01272 | SUPPLIES, MISC. EXP | 900 | 469 | 1,300 |
| 4-01-01273 | CONVENTION | 660 | 30 | 660 |
| 4-01-01274 | POSTAGE | 1,300 | 1211 | 1,300 |
| 4-01-01275 | DUES AND FEES | 750 | 905 | 750 |
| 4-01-01276 | COMPUTER (SOFTWARE) | 2,500 | 2924 | 3,250 |
| 4-01-01277 | TELEPHONE | 0 | 0 | 400 |
| | TAX COLLECTOR TOTAL | 6,860 | 6,308 | 8,430 |
| | | | | |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | TOWN CLERK: | | | |
| 4-01-01281 | MARRIAGE LICENSES (TO STATE) | 418 | 342 | 456 |
| 4-01-01282 | SUPPLIES & COPIER MAINT. | 1,280 | 1256 | 1,270 |
| 4-01-01283 | CONVENTION AND SEMINARS | 600 | 600 | 650 |
| 4-01-01284 | POSTAGE & REFUNDS | 760 | 762 | 854 |
| 4-01-01285 | DUES & FEES | 80 | 70 | 20 |
| 4-01-01286 | TELEPHONE | 1,050 | 521 | 1,200 |
| 4-01-01287 | DOG EXPENSE | 1,330 | 1420 | 1,450 |
| 4-01-01288 | VITAL RECORD FEES | 300 | 189 | 300 |
| 4-01-01290 | COMPUTER | 1,500 | 1500 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| | TOWN CLERK TOTAL | 7,318 | 6,660 | 6,200 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE | 76,818 | 79,213 | 86,792 |
| | | | | |
| | ELECTION & REGISTRATION: | | | |
| 4-01-01310 | SALARIES | 750 | 745 | 750 |
| 4-01-01315 | MODERATOR | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| 4-01-01319 | FICA | | | 73 |
| 4-01-01320 | SUPPLIES/PRINTING | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 4-01-01325 | ADVERTISING | 150 | 95 | 250 |
| 4-01-01340 | POSTAGE | 100 | 0 | 74 |
| | TOTAL ELECTION/ REGISTRATION | 1,300 | 840 | 1,347 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| | TOWN BUILDINGS: | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| 4-01-01508 | ADA COMPLIANCE | 34,000 | 30077 | 0 |
| | TOWN HALL | | | |
| 4-01-01515 | FUEL | 1,800 | 2685 | 2,700 |
| 4-01-01520 | ELECTRICITY | 3,000 | 2875 | 2,900 |
| 4-01-01525 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 2,500 | 2138 | 2,000 |
| 4-01-01526 | FURNACE | 11,000 | 8820 | 0 |
| | McCOLLUM BUILDING | | | |
| 4-01-01541 | ELECTRICITY | 1,500 | 1628 | 1,700 |
| 4-01-01542 | FUEL | 2,500 | 3622 | 3,700 |
| 4-01-01543 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 1,500 | 1304 | 1,500 |
| | FIRE HOUSE | | | |
| 4-01-01551 | ELECTRICITY | 1,600 | 1548 | 1,600 |
| 4-01-01555 | FUEL | 3,000 | 4594 | 4,600 |
| 4-01-01560 | REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE | 1,200 | 540 | 1,000 |
| | TOTAL TOWN BUILDINGS | 29,600 | 29,754 | 21,700 |
| | REVALUATION OF PROPERTY: | | | |
| 4-01-01610 | ASSESSING | 6,000 | 6218 | 6,000 |
| 4-01-01620 | MAP WORK | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| | TOTAL REVAL OF PROPERTY | 6,200 | 6,218 | 6,200 |
| | PLANNING & ZONING: | | | |
| 4-01-01705 | MASTER PLAN | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| 4-01-01710 | BUILDING INSPECTOR FEES | 6,500 | 6,489 | 6,800 |
| 4-01-01720 | SUPPLIES | 800 | 387 | 400 |
| 4-01-01730 | ADVERTISING & PRINTING | 2,000 | 1,509 | 2,160 |
| 4-01-01732 | RECORDING FEES | 700 | 133 | 700 |
| 4-01-01740 | POSTAGE | 500 | 638 | 600 |
| 4-01-01750 | ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. | 3,090 | 4,197 | 3,196 |
| 4-01-01751 | FICA/MEDICARE | 734 | 779 | 765 |
| 4-01-01752 | DUES & SEMINARS | 200 | 0 | 200 |
| 4-01-01753 | IMPACT FEE COST | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING | 15,124 | 14,132 | 14,921 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
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| | | | | |
| | LEGAL EXPENSES: | | | |
| 4-01-01810 | COUNSEL FEES | 10,000 | 13,644 | 10,000 |
| 4-01-01820 | LEGAL BOOKS | 350 | 378 | 350 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSES: | 10,350 | 14,022 | 10,350 |
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| | ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC. | | | |
| 4-01-01905 | NHMA DUES | 1,324 | 1,324 | 1,455 |
| 4-01-01910 | NRPC DUES | 1,375 | 1,333 | 1,350 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL ADVERTISING/REGIONAL | 2,699 | 2,657 | 2,805 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | INSURANCE: | | | |
| 4-01-08100 | NHMA-PLIT | 16,500 | 18,379 | 18,400 |
| 4-01-08110 | NHMA-UNEMPLOYMENT | 127 | 149 | 150 |
| 4-01-08120 | NHMA-WORKMAN'S COMP | 9,760 | 11,101 | 18,173 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL INSURANCE: | 26,387 | 29,629 | 36,723 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS: | | | |
| 4-01-10100 | BOOKKEEPER SALARY | 1,648 | 1,648 | 1,700 |
| 4-01-10101 | FICA/MEDICARE | 126 | 126 | 131 |
| 4-01-10110 | SUPPLIES | 85 | 65 | 85 |
| 4-01-10120 | POSTAGE | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| 4-01-10125 | BOX RENTALS | 60 | 66 | 66 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL TRUSTEES - TRUST FUNDS | 1,952 | 1,938 | 2,015 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | POLICE DEPARTMENT: | | | |
| 4-01-15005 | SALARY-CHIEF | 55,930 | 55,930 | 58,549 |
| 4-01-15007 | SALARY-SECRETARY | 7,674 | 6,965 | 7,911 |
| 4-01-15008 | SALARY-FULL TIME OFFICER | 71,648 | 62,931 | 73,227 |
| 4-01-15009 | OVERTIME | 5,000 | 5,624 | 5,000 |
| 4-01-15010 | SALARY-PART TIMERS | 5,600 | 16,216 | 10,000 |
| 4-01-15011 | FICA/MEDICARE | 2,938 | 3,819 | 3,379 |
| 4-01-15012 | HEALTH INSURANCE | 28,964 | 28,185 | 37,524 |
| 4-01-15013 | RETIREMENT | 8,425 | 8,238 | 10,787 |
| 4-01-15014 | SPECIAL DUTY - F/T | 0 | 2,779 | 285 |
| 4-01-15015 | SPECIAL DUTY - P/T | 0 | 2,237 | 285 |
| 4-01-15020 | UNIFORMS | 2,000 | 2,262 | 2,000 |
| 4-01-15025 | PRINTING | 750 | 806 | 500 |
| 4-01-15035 | TRAINING | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-15040 | TELEPHONE | 2,500 | 2,417 | 2,500 |
| 4-01-15045 | DOG CONTROL | 300 | 250 | 300 |
| 4-01-15050 | PHOTOGRAPHY | 500 | 325 | 100 |
| 4-01-15055 | RADIO/RADAR | 300 | 149 | 100 |
| 4-01-15060 | CRUISER LEASE PAYMENT | 0 | 0 | 15,000 |
| 4-01-15061 | REP & MAINT - CROWN VIC. | 1,500 | 3,598 | 1,500 |
| 4-01-15062 | CRUISER FUEL | 3,000 | 3,782 | 3,500 |
| 4-01-15063 | REP & MAINT - '99 EXPLORER | 2,000 | 3,780 | 500 |
| 4-01-15064 | REP & MAIN 2004 CROWN VIC | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-15070 | COMPUTER | 6,000 | 5,312 | 12,850 |
| 4-01-15080 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | 1,500 | 1,494 | 1,500 |
| | TOTAL POLICE | 208,529 | 219,099 | 249,297 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | FIRE DEPARTMENT: | | | |
| 4-01-16010 | PAYROLL | 11,500 | 10,972 | 12,500 |
| 4-01-16011 | FICA/MEDICARE | 880 | 771 | 956 |
| 4-01-16015 | SUPPLIES | 1,250 | 971 | 1,450 |
| 4-01-16020 | DIESEL | 800 | 375 | 750 |
| 4-01-16022 | GASOLINE | 75 | 32 | 50 |
| 4-01-16025 | TRAINING | 1,750 | 609 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-16026 | FIRE PREVENTION | 550 | 609 | 550 |
| 4-01-16028 | HAZ MAT | 800 | 746 | 800 |
| 4-01-16030 | DUES & PUBLICATIONS | 250 | 326 | 250 |
| 4-01-16035 | TELEPHONE | 500 | 450 | 500 |
| 4-01-16040 | FOREST FIRES | 250 | 0 | 250 |
| 4-01-16044 | RESCUE - EMS EQUIP. | 150 | 86 | 200 |
| 4-01-16045 | PROTECTIVE GEAR | 2,680 | 1,736 | 4,500 |
| 4-01-16050 | RADIO REPAIR/PURCHASE | 2,750 | 3,264 | 2,500 |
| 4-01-16056 | R & M #2 '80 INT. | 1,200 | 1,944 | 1,500 |
| 4-01-16058 | R & M #3 '01 INT. | 1,000 | 1,070 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-16059 | R & M TANKER '72 INT | 1,000 | 837 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-16060 | R & M '52 DODGE | 400 | 782 | 400 |
| 4-01-16061 | R & M #1 SUTPHEN | 1,200 | 3,651 | 1,500 |
| 4-01-16062 | TRUCK EQUIPMENT | 2,600 | 2,069 | 2,600 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL FIRE | 31,585 | 31,300 | 34,256 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | CIVIL DEFENSE: | | | |
| 4-01-17010 | COMMUNICATION CENTER | 31,860 | 31,860 | 40,519 |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL CIVIL DEFENSE | 31,860 | 31,860 | 40,519 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAYS: | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | PUBLIC WORKS: | | | |
| 4-01-23010 | SALARY-DIRECTOR | 42,608 | 42,914 | 43,890 |
| 4-01-23020 | LABOR | 60,936 | 60,790 | 66,995 |
| 4-01-23030 | PART TIME WAGES | 3,062 | 5,440 | 2,240 |
| 4-01-23040 | OVER TIME WAGES | 22,304 | 26,369 | 12,619 |
| 4-01-23050 | FICA/MEDICARE | 9,897 | 10,748 | 9,951 |
| 4-01-23060 | HEALTH INSURANCE | 33,492 | 33,489 | 37,158 |
| 4-01-23070 | RETIREMENT | 6,011 | 5,668 | 7,287 |
| 4-01-23080 | UNIFORMS | 1,560 | 1,835 | 1,738 |
| 4-01-23140 | TRUCK LEASE | 53,087 | 52,774 | 52,774 |
| 4-01-23160 | HIRED EQUIP. SNOW PLOWING | 9,400 | 9,100 | 8,000 |
| 4-01-23180 | SAND & SALT | 37,302 | 46,253 | 22,000 |
| 4-01-23190 | GRAVEL | 12,140 | 8,750 | 12,000 |
| 4-01-23195 | COLD PATCH | 800 | 841 | 850 |
| 4-01-23200 | CEMETERY | 2,000 | 2,049 | 2,558 |
| 4-01-23210 | MOWING-ROADSIDE | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 |
| 4-01-23220 | TARRING & SEALING | 34,155 | 34,498 | 38,420 |
| 4-01-23250 | GROUND MAINTENANCE | 2,900 | 2,378 | 2,900 |
| 4-01-23252 | PAVEMENT MARKING | 2,735 | 2,701 | 2,735 |
| 4-01-23291 | CULVERT PIPES | 1,500 | 2,056 | 2,000 |
| 4-01-23292 | SALISBURY ROAD IMPROV. | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 |
| | TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | 341,289 | 351,553 | 331,515 |
| | HIGHWAY GENERAL: | | | |
| 4-01-24100 | GAS & DIESEL | 10,460 | 12,781 | 8,000 |
| 4-01-24101 | DIESEL FUEL TANK | 4,500 | 807 | 4,500 |
| 4-01-24110 | SUPPLIES | 9,317 | 11,366 | 6,000 |
| 4-01-24120 | TIRES | 1,500 | 1,211 | 1,500 |
| 4-01-24125 | REP. & MAINT. '61 FIRE TRUCK | 500 | 529 | 500 |
| 4-01-24126 | REP. & MAINT. '99 INT. | 6,894 | 6,958 | 1,500 |
| 4-01-24130 | REP. & MAINT. '95 INT. | 4,364 | 6,405 | 2,500 |
| 4-01-24135 | REP. & MAINT. GRADER | 7,774 | 7,328 | 2,250 |
| 4-01-24140 | REP. & MAINT. LOADER | 1,000 | 1,363 | 2,250 |
| 4-01-24141 | REP. & MAINT. PICK-UP | 2,829 | 3,145 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-24142 | REP. & MAINT. BACKHOE | 1,500 | 940 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-24145 | REP. & MAINT. OTHER | 1,000 | 1,515 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-24150 | RADIOS | 800 | 800 | 800 |
| 4-01-24160 | TELEPHONE | 850 | 1,310 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-24180 | SIGNS | 1,000 | 1,042 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-24190 | MISC | 1,000 | 1,573 | 500 |
| | TOTAL HIGHWAY GENERAL | 55,288 | 59,073 | 35,300 |
| | GRAND TOTALS PW/HWY | 396,577 | 410,626 | 366,815 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| 4-01-25100 | STREET LIGHTING | 4,000 | 3839 | 4,000 |
| | TOWN DUMP: | | | |
| 4-01-31200 | SRLD CHARGES | 76,092 | 76,092 | 82,895 |
| 4-01-31300 | SITE MAINTENANCE | 14,469 | 14,300 | 14,576 |
| 4-01-31310 | FICA/MEDICARE | 1,107 | 1,734 | 1,115 |
| 4-01-31400 | NASHUA REG. SOLID WASTE | 3,268 | 3,268 | 3,268 |
| 4-01-31600 | MISC. | 1,500 | 2,612 | 1,800 |
| 4-01-31650 | WATER & POTTY | 900 | 750 | 600 |
| | TOTAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | 97,336 | 98,756 | 104,254 |
| | HEALTH DEPARTMENT: | | | |
| 4-01-37100 | AMBULANCE | 17,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| 4-01-37110 | HEALTH OFFICERS EXPENSES | 75 | 0 | 75 |
| 4-01-37120 | OTHER | 4,065 | 4,065 | 4,065 |
| | TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT | 21,140 | 21,065 | 21,140 |
| | PUBLIC WELFARE: | | | |
| 4-01-44100 | RENT | 3,500 | 3,654 | 3,500 |
| 4-01-44105 | HEAT | 1,000 | 799 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-44110 | FOOD | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| 4-01-44120 | UTILITIES | 1,700 | 1,042 | 1,700 |
| 4-01-44130 | MISC. | 232 | 0 | 232 |
| 4-01-44140 | WELFARE OFFICERS EXPENSE | 568 | 0 | 568 |
| | TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE | 7,500 | 5,495 | 7,500 |
| | LIBRARY: | | | |
| 4-01-45100 | LIBRARY APPROPRIATION | 8,900 | 8,900 | 9,410 |
| 4-01-45110 | LIBRARY PAYROLL | 29,070 | 26,887 | 29,945 |
| 4-01-45115 | LIBRARY CLEANING | 1,600 | 1,940 | 1,600 |
| 4-01-45120 | FICA/MEDICARE | 2,346 | 2,117 | 2,413 |
| | TOTAL LIBRARY | 41,916 | 39,844 | 43,368 |

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

| ACCT # | | APPROPRIATION | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2003 | EXPENDITURES | 2004 |
| | RECREATION: | | | |
| 4-01-49120 | MISC | 530 | 379 | 0 |
| 4-01-49121 | T-BALL | 400 | 317 | 400 |
| 4-01-49125 | RECREATION-EASTER | 200 | 344 | 200 |
| 4-01-49130 | RECREATION-SUMMER | 980 | 978 | 1,000 |
| 4-01-49135 | RECREATION-LAMSON | 100 | 86 | 100 |
| 4-01-49140 | RECREATION-HALLOWEEN | 200 | 53 | 530 |
| 4-01-49145 | RECREATION-MAYDAY | 1,680 | 1,977 | 2,650 |
| 4-01-49150 | RECREATION-CHRISTMAS | 250 | 639 | 750 |
| 4-01-49155 | TOWN TOURNEY | 0 | 0 | 1,620 |
| | TOTAL RECREATION | 4,340 | 4,773 | 7,250 |
| | | | | |
| 4-01-51100 | PATRIOTIC PURPOSES: | 300 | 459 | 500 |
| | | | | |
| 4-01-52100 | CONSERVATION COMMISSION: | 1,500 | 1500 | 1,500 |
| | | | | |
| 4-01-57120 | INT. LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES: | 1,000 | 705 | 1,000 |
| | | | | |
| 4-01-57130 | PRIN LONG TERM BONDS & NOTES | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| | | | | |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 1,075,161 | 1,100,953 | 1,089,803 |

Milford Area Communications Center

2003 was an eventful year for the Milford Area Communications Center in both operations and structure. Operationally, the Center remained staffed with a complete complement of full-time dispatchers for almost the entire year. This represented a savings in both the expenditure of overtime to cover open shifts, and in training costs associated with bringing new personnel up to speed.

The Town of Greenville withdrew from participation and chose to go elsewhere for emergency dispatching services. The remaining five towns of Amherst, Lyndeborough, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton entered into a revised five-year inter-municipal agreement that insures those communities of emergency communications services via a centralized dispatch center. In addition to the restructuring of the area agreement, the Governing Board of the Center recognized the immediate need for modernization of equipment and included sufficient funds within the FY2004 budget to initiate the lease-purchase of state-of-the-art equipment. When the new equipment is installed and operational it will allow the Center to expand in scope thereby further enhancing the services that it can provide.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many agencies with whom we work, for the cooperation and assistance offered to us over the past year. I would also like to thank the thousands of citizens with whom we interact each year for their patience, understanding, assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Taylor
Director



**FY 2003 ANNUAL REPORT
of the
NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
to the
TOWN OF MONT VERNON**

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) provides transportation, land use, environmental, mapping and data planning services to twelve communities in the greater Nashua area. NRPC stands ready to assist its member communities with any issue of concern. We at the NRPC are grateful for the participation of Mont Vernon's NRPC Commissioners: Mike Fimbel and Vicky Arico. The following is a summary of our accomplishments for the period encompassing July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. More detailed information about these projects and NRPC's activities can also be found at www.nashuarpc.org.

Land Use and Environmental Planning

NRPC provides technical assistance on land use and environmental issues to planning staff, planning boards and conservation commissions for all of its member communities.

- Provided extensive technical assistance to the Planning Board on a number of issues.
- Assisted the Planning Board with the development of an Impact Fee Ordinance and illustrative schedules.
- Updated the "Population and Housing" chapter and Appendix A of the Town's Master Plan to reflect 2000 census data.
- Provided assistance to communities with applications for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).
- Completed a "Census 2000 Profile" detailing relevant 2000 census information for all communities in the region.
- Conducted a planning board workshop on Phase II Stormwater requirements.
- Conducted three workshops for planning board members with the Department of Environmental Services: shoreland protection, wetlands, and energy efficient cities and schools in New Hampshire.
- Monitored residential sales in the region, databased these sales, and produced quarterly reports that detailed sales trends by community.

Transportation Planning

NRPC, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region is responsible for developing and maintaining the region's transportation planning program. This includes soliciting, prioritizing and making recommendations on regional and local transportation projects that are funded through Federal or State sources. NRPC is responsible for developing the region's portion of the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), maintaining the regional traffic model, and performing required air quality analyses. In addition, NRPC MPO funds are used to provide municipal technical assistance on transportation issues.

- Continued to update and maintain the regional traffic model. The model forecasts growth in traffic throughout the region, and enables NRPC, NHDOT and consultants to evaluate the effects of proposed transportation projects.
- Conducted automated traffic recorder counts at over 150 locations through the region during the course of the year. The Nashua Area Traffic Count Summary is published annually and is distributed to local officials.
- Surveyed all new roads in the region by community and collected information including width, number of lanes, miles of Class V roads, and other pertinent information. This information is used to determine local allocations for block grant funding.
- Advocated for and continued to be a key participant in the State's efforts to extend commuter rail service to the region. While the project has experienced significant setbacks, we are monitoring the situation carefully and exploring other alternatives.
- Completed and adopted the region's Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Made significant progress on three regional transportation plans: transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and intelligent transportation systems (ITS) architecture, all of which required the development and coordination of major data sources.
- Assisted member communities with applications for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Enhancements (TE) programs through the NH Department of Transportation.
- Began the process of developing local traffic models for each community using the TRANSCAD program. This program is much

more sensitive than the current regional model and will replace it when implemented by June 2004.

- Began the process of implementing the UrbanSim modeling tool. The program, which completed by June of 2004, will enable land use modeling capabilities that will become an invaluable tool for master planning and development review.
- Studied transit needs in the community during the process of developing the NRPC Regional Transit Plan.
- Assisted town in the development of a Transportation Enhancement funding application for view shed preservation along NH 13 south of the town center.

Geographic Information Systems

NRPC continues to maintain a diverse collection of GIS data including local roads, real property parcels, zoning, land use, and environmental conditions. This data is used in general mapping analysis for local and regional projects.

- Provided general maintenance of the regional GIS system, including new parcels, roads, protected conservation lands, zoning changes, trails, social welfare providers, major employers, and other baseline data for each community in the region.
- Published new base maps detailing soil, water and forest features for use in the Regional Environmental Planning Program, Phase 6 resource inventory.
- Mapped real estate transactions for the year 2002/03 to maintain a tool for monitoring housing sales trends.
- Prepared Census data in GIS form for regional and/or local reports.
- Completed study of changes in agricultural land use in the Nashua Region from 1974-1998.
- Developed a database of historic mill buildings region wide.
- Addressed numerous general mapping and information requests from town officials and the public.
- Updated and expanded regional annotation layers for improved clarity on map products.
- Updated base land use and open space information for the community.
- Developed a series of maps for the Planning Board defining environmental features.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

OF

MONT VERNON, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ms. Pamela Coughlin | Term Expires 2004 |
| Mr. Peter King | Term Expires 2004 |
| Mr. William O'Brien | Term Expires 2005 |
| Mr. Robert Mead | Term Expires 2006 |
| Mrs. Susan Swartz | Term Expires 2006 |
| Dr. Michael V. Ananis | Superintendent of Schools |
| Mr. Michael H. Galan | Assistant Superintendent |
| Mr. Stephen Zadavec | Assistant Superintendent |
| Ms. Kathryn Skoglund | Director of Special Education |
| Mr. Robert St. Cyr | Principal |
| Mr. Peter Hayden | School District Moderator |
| Mr. John Hubbard | School District Treasurer |
| Ms. Carla Titus | School District Clerk |
| Mr. Paul Mercier | School District Auditor |
| Mr. Robert St. Cyr | School District Truant Officer |

**MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Mont Vernon School District, in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mont Vernon Village School in said District on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 to vote upon the following subjects:

POLLS TO OPEN AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1 To choose by ballot the election of a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer and an auditor for the ensuing year, one auditor for the ensuing two years, and two members of the school board for the ensuing three years will be acted upon Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Mont Vernon Village School from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: All other Mont Vernon School District business will be considered at the School District meeting to be held Friday, March 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mont Vernon Village School.

Given under our hands at said Mont Vernon this day of February, 2004:

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| _____ |) | |
| Pamela Coughlin, Chair |) | |
| _____ |) | |
| Peter King |) | |
| _____ |) | SCHOOL BOARD |
| William O'Brien |) | |
| _____ |) | |
| Robert Mead |) | |
| _____ |) | |
| Susan Swartz |) | |

A True Copy of Warrant -- Attest

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| Pamela Coughlin, Chair |) | |
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| Peter King |) | |
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| William O'Brien |) | |
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MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004 WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District of Mont Vernon, in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Mont Vernon Village School in said District on Friday, March 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding the Annual Meeting of the District and to act upon the Articles set forth in this Warrant:

NOTE: The election of a moderator, a clerk, a treasurer and an auditor for the ensuing year, one auditor for the ensuing two years, and two members of the school board for the ensuing three years will be acted upon Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Mont Vernon Village School from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 2 To hear the reports of officers, agents and auditors, and to take action with reference thereto.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the school district, pursuant to RSA 189:28-a II, will raise \$40,000 to offset an unanticipated general fund deficit in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, said deficit caused by the unanticipated increase in the number of educationally disabled students requiring program placement and other related services, and emergency repairs to the Village School. **The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.**

ARTICLE 4 To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,332,761 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district; and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state and federal government, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Town Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation to be raised by taxation. **The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.**

ARTICLE 5 To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate \$600,000 (gross budget) for the replacement of the roof of the Village School and to correct the drainage problems around the Village School site and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$600,000 of Bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA, Chapter 33) and to authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such Bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. **The school board recommends this appropriation. 2/3 ballot vote required to pass.**

ARTICLE 6 To see if the school district will appropriate special revenue funds for the support of Federal Projects as follows: \$80,000. Such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources. **The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.**

ARTICLE 7 Shall the voters of the Mont Vernon school district within school administrative unit number 39 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meetings?

ARTICLE 8 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Mont Vernon this 24th day of February, 2003:

SCHOOL BOARD

A True Copy of Warrant -- Attest

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Mont Vernon School District Budget - Summary - as of January 22, 2004

| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Expenditures | | | | |
| | 1100 Regular Education | | | | |
| 1100-112-100 | Salaries-Teachers | \$ 550,399 | \$ 544,954 | \$ 582,827 | \$ 566,172 |
| 1100-114-100 | Salaries-Instructional Aides | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 52,844 |
| 1100-120-100 | Substitutes - Teachers | \$ 10,000 | \$ 24,289 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 14,000 |
| 1100-330-100 | 504 Expenses | \$ - | | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| 1100-440-100 | Repair / Maintenance-Instr Equip | \$ 4,202 | \$ 9,507 | \$ 4,102 | \$ 9,558 |
| 1100-561-200 | Tuition To Middle School (A)* | \$ 580,868 | \$ 638,464 | \$ 731,426 | \$ 729,825 |
| 1100-610-100 | General Supplies | \$ 14,133 | \$ 11,390 | \$ 18,147 | \$ 18,361 |
| 1100-612-100 | Daland Fund | \$ 70 | \$ - | \$ 70 | \$ 70 |
| 1100-615-100 | Instructional Materials | \$ 7,966 | \$ 6,737 | \$ 4,629 | \$ 11,360 |
| 1100-641-100 | Textbooks | \$ 6,390 | \$ 9,567 | \$ 10,797 | \$ 4,171 |
| 1100-644-100 | Workbooks | \$ 8,982 | \$ - | \$ 7,356 | \$ 6,196 |
| 1100-645-100 | Classroom Periodicals | \$ 300 | \$ 1,205 | \$ 250 | \$ 546 |
| 1100-650-100 | Computer Supplies | \$ 2,350 | \$ 5,168 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,750 |
| 1100-733-100 | New Furniture And Fixtures | \$ 117 | \$ 119 | \$ - | \$ 1,590 |
| 1100-734-100 | New Equipment | \$ 561 | \$ 565 | \$ 1,476 | \$ 644 |
| 1100-737-100 | Replacement Of Furniture | \$ 1,920 | \$ 23 | \$ 3,420 | \$ 1,456 |
| 1100-738-100 | Replacement Of Equipment | \$ 1,005 | \$ 45 | \$ 1,568 | \$ 688 |
| Total | 1100 Regular Education | \$ 1,189,263 | \$ 1,252,035 | \$ 1,378,568 | \$ 1,420,731 |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | 1210 Special Education | | | | |
| 1210-111-000 | Special Ed Admin-SAU39 | \$ 23,383 | \$ 26,427 | \$ 27,546 | \$ - |
| 1210-112-100 | Salaries-Special Ed | \$ 78,827 | \$ 78,871 | \$ 84,992 | \$ 87,945 |
| 1210-113-100 | Salary-Speech Therapist | \$ 48,835 | \$ 51,475 | \$ 51,337 | \$ 51,337 |
| 1210-114-100 | Salaries-Instructional Assoc. | \$ 11,836 | \$ (9,431) | \$ 12,191 | \$ 12,678 |
| 1210-115-100 | Secretary Special Education | \$ 3,744 | \$ - | \$ 5,550 | \$ 5,772 |
| 1210-120-100 | Substitutes-Special Ed | \$ 2,400 | \$ 3,720 | \$ 2,405 | \$ 2,405 |
| 1210-270-000 | Tuition Reimbursement | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1210-580-000 | Sp Ed Coord-Travel | \$ 500 | \$ 401 | \$ 500 | \$ 800 |
| 1210-610-100 | General Supplies | \$ 300 | \$ 705 | \$ 71 | \$ 124 |
| 1210-613-100 | Tests | \$ 1,238 | \$ 685 | \$ 343 | \$ 700 |
| 1210-615-100 | Instructional Materials | \$ 300 | \$ 669 | \$ 1,152 | \$ 946 |
| 1210-641-100 | Textbooks | \$ 113 | \$ 32 | \$ - | \$ 86 |
| 1210-644-100 | Workbooks | \$ 500 | \$ 126 | \$ 812 | \$ 369 |
| 1210-650-100 | Computer Software | \$ 609 | \$ 394 | \$ 482 | \$ 792 |
| 1210-730-100 | New Equipment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,680 | \$ 2,370 |
| 1210-810-000 | Dues Sp Ed Coordinator | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 200 | \$ 200 |
| Total | 1210 Special Education | \$ 172,785 | \$ 154,075 | \$ 191,261 | \$ 166,524 |
| | | | | | |
| | 1220 Special Education - In-District Services | | | | |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|--|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1220-112-100 | Special Ed In-District Salaries | \$ 92,124 | \$ 78,058 | \$ 93,646 | \$ 93,646 |
| 1220-330-100 | Speech Therapy | \$ 1,000 | \$ 354 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| 1220-331-100 | Private Assessment | \$ 6,500 | \$ 8,699 | \$ 6,500 | \$ 6,500 |
| 1220-332-100 | Occupational Therapy | \$ 26,500 | \$ 4,431 | \$ 22,608 | \$ 22,608 |
| 1220-334-100 | Psychological Services | \$ 10,000 | \$ 3,425 | \$ 10,800 | \$ 10,800 |
| 1220-338-100 | Other Special Ed Services | \$ 7,200 | \$ 5,999 | \$ 10,125 | \$ 10,125 |
| Total | 1220 Special Education-In-District | \$ 143,324 | \$ 100,965 | \$ 144,679 | \$ 144,679 |
| 1230 Special Education - Out-of-District Services | | | | | |
| 1230-111-100 | Extended School Year | \$ 7,000 | \$ 3,936 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 7,000 |
| 1230-330-100 | O.O.D. Related Services - E | \$ 29,340 | \$ 43,257 | \$ 78,325 | \$ 15,138 |
| 1230-330-200 | O.O.D. Related Services -M | \$ 10,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1230-563-100 | Tuition-Non Public Schools Elem | \$ 60,062 | \$ 87,797 | \$ 144,847 | \$ 44,673 |
| 1230-563-200 | Tuition-Non Public Schools Middle | \$ 133,665 | \$ 87,873 | \$ 60,550 | \$ 213,849 |
| Total | 1230 Special Education-Out-of- | \$ 240,067 | \$ 222,863 | \$ 288,722 | \$ 280,660 |
| 1400 Co-Curricular Activities | | | | | |
| 1410-112-100 | Salaries | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1410-610-100 | General Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|--|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2210-240-100 | Tuition Reimbursement | \$ 10,260 | \$ 7,883 | \$ 10,260 | \$ 10,260 |
| 2210-241-100 | Tuition Reimbursement-Support | \$ 650 | \$ 526 | \$ 600 | \$ 600 |
| 2210-641-100 | Professional Subscriptions | \$ 126 | \$ 62 | \$ 86 | \$ 83 |
| Total | 2210 Improvement Of Instruction | \$ 11,886 | \$ 9,321 | \$ 11,796 | \$ 13,343 |
| 2220 Educational Media Services | | | | | |
| 2220-112-100 | Salaries - Info/Technology Special | \$ 30,448 | \$ 30,448 | \$ 33,176 | \$ 33,176 |
| 2220-114-100 | Salaries - Library Associate and S | \$ 1,750 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,750 | \$ - |
| 2220-430-100 | Repair / Maintenance | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 200 | \$ 200 |
| 2220-610-100 | Printer Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 260 |
| 2220-641-100 | Library Books | \$ 3,933 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| 2220-642-100 | Audio Visual Supplies | \$ 1,268 | \$ 1,885 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| 2220-645-100 | Periodicals And Newspapers | \$ 112 | \$ - | \$ 112 | \$ 112 |
| 2220-730-100 | New Equipment | \$ 2,000 | \$ 1,961 | \$ 650 | \$ - |
| Total | 2220 Educational Media Services | \$ 39,711 | \$ 37,294 | \$ 38,388 | \$ 37,248 |
| 2310 School Board Services | | | | | |
| 2310-111-100 | School Board Salaries | \$ 800 | \$ - | \$ 800 | \$ 800 |
| 2310-114-100 | Salaries-District Meetings | \$ 80 | \$ - | \$ 80 | \$ 80 |
| 2310-115-100 | Salary-Clerk | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2310-119-100 | Salary-Treasurer | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| 2310-331-000 | Legal Fees | \$ 2,500 | \$ 22,504 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| 2310-332-100 | Audit Fees | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| 2310-383-100 | Negotiation Expenses | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2310-540-100 | Advertising | \$ 640 | \$ 389 | \$ 730 | \$ 685 |
| 2310-550-100 | Printing | \$ 480 | \$ 483 | \$ 535 | \$ 535 |
| 2310-610-100 | Supplies | \$ 220 | \$ 333 | \$ 175 | \$ 215 |
| 2310-611-100 | Supplies-Treasurer | \$ 140 | \$ 30 | \$ 135 | \$ 130 |
| 2310-810-100 | Dues | \$ 2,317 | \$ 2,684 | \$ 2,410 | \$ 2,800 |
| Total | 2310 School Board Services | \$ 8,377 | \$ 27,423 | \$ 12,865 | \$ 14,745 |
| 2320 SAU Management Services | | | | | |
| 2320-310-100 | SAU Management Services | \$ 66,085 | \$ 66,085 | \$ 67,717 | \$ 128,233 |
| Total | 2320 SAU Management Service | \$ 66,085 | \$ 66,085 | \$ 67,717 | \$ 128,233 |
| 2410 Office Of The Principal | | | | | |
| 2410-111-100 | Administrative Salaries | \$ 61,800 | \$ 61,800 | \$ 64,272 | \$ 66,843 |
| 2410-115-100 | Secretarial Salaries | \$ 29,631 | \$ 38,313 | \$ 36,900 | \$ 38,376 |
| 2410-120-100 | Substitutes - Other | \$ 1,000 | \$ 2,274 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| 2410-240-100 | Tuition Reimbursement | \$ 750 | \$ - | \$ 750 | \$ 750 |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2410-430-100 | Repairs And Maintenance | \$ 1,700 | \$ 1,312 | \$ 1,700 | \$ 1,700 |
| 2410-550-100 | Printing | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,180 | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,150 |
| 2410-580-100 | Travel and Conferences | \$ 300 | \$ 38 | \$ 300 | \$ 300 |
| 2410-610-100 | Office Supplies | \$ 2,175 | \$ 2,615 | \$ 2,175 | \$ 2,175 |
| 2410-730-100 | New Equipment | \$ 2,000 | \$ 6,871 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2410-810-100 | Dues And Fees | \$ 470 | \$ 628 | \$ 470 | \$ 470 |
| Total | 2410 Office Of The Principal | \$ 100,976 | \$ 115,031 | \$ 108,717 | \$ 112,764 |
| 2620 Operation & Maintenance | | | | | |
| 2620-119-100 | Custodial Salary | \$ 65,190 | \$ 69,229 | \$ 72,222 | \$ 73,011 |
| 2620-119-100 | Custodial - Temporary & Substitut | \$ 750 | \$ - | \$ 750 | \$ 750 |
| 2620-431-100 | Disposal Services | \$ 1,680 | \$ 2,106 | \$ 3,123 | \$ 2,660 |
| 2620-440-100 | Repairs And Maintenance | \$ 13,000 | \$ 28,372 | \$ 27,700 | \$ 11,500 |
| 2620-441-100 | Service Contracts | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,600 | \$ 5,600 |
| 2620-435-100 | Misc Repairs | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 |
| 2620-520-100 | Property And Liability Insurance | \$ 6,500 | \$ 6,813 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 8,000 |
| 2620-531-100 | Telephone | \$ 4,009 | \$ 5,156 | \$ 5,009 | \$ 5,009 |
| 2620-610-100 | Custodial Supplies | \$ 4,675 | \$ 12,005 | \$ 6,800 | \$ 8,100 |
| 2620-652-100 | Electricity | \$ 21,783 | \$ 27,487 | \$ 23,842 | \$ 26,807 |
| 2620-653-100 | Fuel Oil | \$ 13,367 | \$ 21,154 | \$ 13,273 | \$ 13,994 |
| 2620-741-100 | New Equipment | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,300 |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2620-742-100 | Replacement Of Equipment | \$ 8,900 | \$ 6,150 | \$ 3,900 | \$ 5,000 |
| Total | 2620 Operation & Maintenance | \$ 139,854 | \$ 178,473 | \$ 185,219 | \$ 176,731 |
| 2720 Pupil Transportation | | | | | |
| 2721-519-000 | Trans. To - From School | \$ 63,249 | \$ 61,298 | \$ 66,936 | \$ 81,858 |
| 2722-519-000 | Spec Ed Student Transportation | \$ 32,651 | \$ 58,196 | \$ 48,150 | \$ 48,150 |
| 2725-519-100 | Transportation-Field Trips | \$ 3,960 | \$ 3,896 | \$ 3,960 | \$ 4,560 |
| Total | 2720 Pupil Transportation | \$ 99,860 | \$ 123,390 | \$ 119,046 | \$ 134,568 |
| | 2840 Information Services | | | | |
| 2840-532-100 | Wide Area Network | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,844 | \$ 4,605 | \$ 9,724 |
| Total | 2840 Information Services | \$ 3,000 | \$ 1,844 | \$ 4,605 | \$ 9,724 |
| | 2900 Employee Benefits | | | | |
| 2900-211-100 | Health Insurance | \$ 130,185 | \$ 116,013 | \$ 132,500 | \$ 196,557 |
| 2900-212-100 | Dental Insurance | \$ 15,709 | \$ 14,263 | \$ 16,610 | \$ 18,620 |
| 2900-213-100 | Life Insurance | \$ 1,618 | \$ 1,564 | \$ 1,872 | \$ 1,872 |
| 2900-214-100 | Long Term Disability | \$ 2,794 | \$ 2,443 | \$ 2,989 | \$ 2,989 |
| 2900-215-100 | Benefits Sped Assistants | \$ 13,860 | \$ 8,521 | \$ 15,246 | \$ 16,706 |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2900-220-100 | F.I.C.A. | \$ 77,868 | \$ 81,608 | \$ 87,156 | \$ 87,156 |
| 2900-231-100 | Employee Retirement | \$ 1,842 | \$ 3,479 | \$ 4,290 | \$ 4,290 |
| 2900-232-100 | Teacher Retirement | \$ 17,075 | \$ 26,691 | \$ 20,788 | \$ 20,788 |
| 2900-250-100 | Unemployment Compensation | \$ 724 | \$ 496 | \$ 723 | \$ 723 |
| 2900-260-100 | Workers Compensation | \$ 4,873 | \$ 5,837 | \$ 5,378 | \$ 5,378 |
| Total | 2900 Employee Benefits | \$ 266,548 | \$ 260,915 | \$ 287,552 | \$ 355,079 |
| 4000 Facilities | | | | | |
| 4200-330-000 | Site Aquisition | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,000 | \$ - |
| 4300-330-000 | Architect and Engineering Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,880 | \$ - |
| 4600-450-000 | Remodeling Bldgs And Grounds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,550 |
| Total | 4000 Facilities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 16,880 | \$ 10,550 |
| 5100 Debt Service | | | | | |
| 5110-910-000 | Redemption Of Principal | \$ 175,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 175,000 |
| 5120-830-000 | Interest On Debt | \$ 82,044 | \$ 82,044 | \$ 71,004 | \$ 59,953 |
| Total | 5100 Debt Service | \$ 257,044 | \$ 257,044 | \$ 246,004 | \$ 234,953 |
| 5252-930-000 | Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ - | \$ - |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5252-930-000 | Transfer to School Building Main | \$ 10,907 | \$ 10,907 | \$ 11,040 | \$ 11,051 |
| 5252-931-000 | Transfer to Technology Fund | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 | \$ 4,500 |
| Total | 5256 Transfer to Trust | \$ 65,407 | \$ 65,407 | \$ 15,540 | \$ 15,551 |
| 1122 Deficit Appropriation | | | | | |
| 1122-890-000 | Deficit Appropriation | \$ 136,210 | \$ - | \$ 80,000 | \$ 35,000 |
| Total | 1122 Deficit Appropriation | \$ 136,210 | \$ - | \$ 80,000 | \$ 35,000 |
| Grand Total General Fund | | \$ 2,991,819 | \$ 2,919,548 | \$ 3,257,407 | \$ 3,352,041 |
| Grants In Aid | | | | | |
| Title I | | \$ 55,000 | | \$ 70,000 | \$ - |
| Handicapped Aid | | \$ 35,000 | | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| Titles II, IV, VI | | \$ 10,000 | | \$ 40,000 | \$ 35,000 |
| Total | Grants In Aid | \$ 100,000 | | \$ 150,000 | \$ 75,000 |
| | Grand Total All Expenditures | \$ 3,091,819 | | \$ 3,407,407 | \$ 3,427,041 |
| | | | | | |
| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Budget | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Budget | 2004-2005 Proposed |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue | | | | | |
| 770 | Unreserved and Reserved Fund B | \$ 1 | \$ 1 | \$ 7,922 | \$ - |
| From State Sources: | | | | | |
| 3210 | School Building Aid * Includes Kin | \$ 52,500 | \$ 52,500 | \$ 52,500 | \$ 52,500 |
| 3230 | Kindergarten Aid | \$ 25,200 | \$ 26,400 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 3240 | Catastrophic Aid | \$ 58,088 | \$ 42,909 | \$ 58,088 | \$ 60,000 |
| | Total | \$ 135,788 | \$ 121,809 | \$ 110,588 | \$ 112,500 |
| From Federal Sources: | | | | | |
| 4400 | Grants In Aid | | | | |
| 4400 | Title I | \$ 55,000 | \$ 56,608 | \$ 55,000 | \$ - |
| 4400 | Handicapped Aid | \$ 35,000 | \$ 40,943 | \$ 35,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| 4400 | Titles II, IV, VI | \$ 10,000 | \$ 13,309 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| 4580 | Medicaid | \$ 10,000 | \$ 7,632 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| | Total | \$ 110,000 | \$ 118,492 | \$ 110,000 | \$ 90,000 |
| From Local Sources: | | | | | |

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| Account | Description | 2002-2003 Adopted | 2002-2003 Actual | 2003-2004 Adopted | 2004-2005 Proposed |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1510 | Interest Income | \$ 500 | \$ 595 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| 1990 | Other | \$ 70 | \$ 1,905 | \$ 70 | \$ 70 |
| | Total | \$ 570 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 570 | \$ 570 |
| | Total Revenue | \$ 246,359 | \$ 242,803 | \$ 229,080 | \$ 203,070 |
| 1121 | District Assessment | \$ 2,090,313 | \$ 2,090,313 | \$ 2,286,069 | \$ 2,466,236 |
| 1122 | Deficit Appropriation | \$ 136,210 | \$ 80,000 | \$ 80,000 | \$ 35,000 |
| 3110 | Adequate Education | \$ 618,937 | \$ 618,937 | \$ 731,324 | \$ 727,735 |
| 5110 | Sale of Bonds and Notes | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | Total Revenue & Assessment | \$ 3,091,819 | \$ 3,032,053 | \$ 3,326,473 | \$ 3,432,041 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | (A) Amherst: Tuition Rate | \$ 7,643 | \$ 7,449 | \$ 8,406 | \$ 9,238 |
| | Amherst: ADM | 76 | 82 | 82 | 79 |

Report of The School Board Chairman 2003 Mont Vernon School District

The year of 2003 has been a year of educational growth and challenges. The 2004/05 budget has one major increase and that is the roof.

At the March, 2003 school district meeting, the town instructed the School Board to hire an architectural and engineering analysis of the Village School which would inform the town with the respect to safety, efficient and useful school facilities. Kyle Barker of Jordan & Barker presented the Building Performance Study Report for the Mont Vernon Village School. It was a very comprehensive report which concluded that upgrades to the building would be a good investment. The major concerns are the roof and drainage.

The Village School was issued an "Approval with Distinction" through 2007 because of its continued high level of test score achievements on the New Hampshire Improvement and Assessment Program Testing. Congratulations to the students, parents and teachers for their continued support in the school's educational goals.

The school population continues to maintain slow growth. There were 246 village school students when school opened on August 27, 2003. Mont Vernon has it largest Kindergarten class of 39 students. The largest population of Mont Vernon students is in the upper grades (5th and 6th). The Board will continue to watch the fluctuations in the school student population.

The recent accomplishments at the MVVS is that the Board accepted the FLAP Grant bringing Foreign Language Program for both French and Spanish; accepted the K-12 English/Language Arts curriculum; sidebar with the MVEA to the Collective Bargaining Agreement calling for teacher participation in school professional development on Late Start Days; advanced math program is going strong; established a study committee to examine multi-age or grade consolidation; established two curriculum coordinators for Science/Math and English/Social Studies; an inventory and a plan to replace or upgrade the computers in the Village School lab; looking into computer curriculum and maybe a math camp with the high school students; and approved a third-grade job-share proposal.

The Adopt-A-School Program initialed by Governor Benson had its first business partner with Mont Vernon. In a show of community spirit and generosity, the Nashua Saturn dealership owned by Bob Swartz donated, financed, and installed a renovated and refurbished MVVS playground. The board expresses their appreciation for this generous gift, made possible by Bob Swartz and the Nashua Saturn dealership team.

The Mont Vernon PTA provides numerous educational events and fund raising activities which include many documented hours of volunteerism. This volunteerism provides the students with many interesting and exciting new ways of learning.

The Board also appreciates the dedicated support that the community gives to the educational process in our town. The community's support, understanding, and life experiences offer our children and grandchildren a wonderful and exciting educational opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D. Coughlin
School Board Chairman

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT

This is my fourth Superintendent's Annual Report for the Mont Vernon School District. In 2003, the Village School continued its ascent to excellence in student learning, educator professional growth, community engagement, and school building improvement, although advancement in this last area too often seems like "one step forward, one step back!"

Student Learning

Village School students in every grade showed both high performance and good progress this past year. In the Spring of 2003, Village School students achieved distinction on the state-mandated tests, NHEIAP. Overall, the NH Department of Education declared the school to be making "Adequate Yearly Progress," a component of the federal law known as "No Child Left Behind."

Sixth graders in 2003 scored 260 in the English/Language Arts test, which was 9 points higher than the state average, and was the 6th highest score in the state. In the Social Studies subtest, Village School 6th graders in 2003, scored 258 – ten points higher than the state average, and the 8th highest score in New Hampshire. Sixth graders in Math scored 3 points above the NH average at 255 (12th highest score) and 27% of Village School 6th graders achieved advanced scores. In Science, 6th graders had the 15th highest score in the state (243) and 39% achieved advanced scores.

Third graders also performed well on the state tests, scoring 265 in the English/Language Arts test, 4th highest score in the state, and 8 points above the New Hampshire average. On the Math portion of the test, Village School 3rd graders scored 262, ten points above the state average, and 11th highest among all the districts in New Hampshire. State tests are not given to third graders in Science or Social Studies.

Our students also perform well in academic areas that are not measured by state tests. Teachers continue to be the best assessors of student learning, and Village School students are maintaining progress towards high achievement of ambitious standards in all academic subject areas. Congratulations to our students, and commendations to them and to their teachers for the wonderful learning that is the hallmark of the Village School.

Faculty and Staff

The Fall of 2003 saw the arrival of "late start" days at the Village School, a school board-approved schedule whereby once a month, students arrive 2 hours later than usual, and faculty meet in the school to develop new techniques and strategies for improving their instruction and assessment skills. Special commendations are in order for Ann Forrest, who also serves as chairperson of the SAU 39 Professional Development Committee, for her work with Principal Bob St. Cyr in coordinating these efforts.

This year also witnessed the Village School's first "job share" arrangement. Meg Batten and Nicole Desrosiers co-teach a grade 3 classroom, dividing their time equally in the classroom and collaborating with each other in a highly-organized and well-orchestrated schedule of lesson plan, parental contact, and student assessment sharing. Students adapted quickly to the two-teacher arrangement and have progressed satisfactorily through the curriculum under this plan. The arrangement seems to be working well, and will be further evaluated at the end of the year.

The school welcomed two new classroom teachers, Peter Varney (grade 5) and Jennifer Cheifetz (grade 6), to the faculty in September 2003.

Community Engagement

In the Fall of 2003, Mont Vernon resident Bob Swartz and his Nashua Saturn Dealership made a significant donation to the school in the form of a brand new playground. The new multi-purpose structure was completely paid for by Mr. Swartz's generosity, and installed by a crew from the dealership and by parents of Village School students. The school board, the administration, and the faculty are all grateful for this magnanimous gift and improvement to the school.

The PTA, under the able leadership of Carol Fortin, continues to provide excellent two-way communication between home and school. The newsletter, The Falcon, is filled with timely information and valuable school related data. The district is very grateful to the PTA for all the assistance and support it provides.

Facilities

The school board had prepared a Warrant Article, which the voters supported in March 2003, that funded the services of an architect to assess the Village School as a school facility. In December the firm of Jordan & Barker reported that the building remained a good choice for continuing as a school, but that the roof needed considerable attention and probably replacement, and the drainage around the building needed to be re-engineered. The board is considering an article for the 2004 warrant that would secure the services of structural engineers and that would fund the replacement of the roof and perform other site improvements.

Summary

Despite the challenges of an aging facility, the school remains a vibrant, caring, and exciting place to learn. The school board maintains sound stewardship, and the faculty, staff, and principal provide outstanding educational opportunities.

Factors in my personal life have led me to not seek the continuation of my contract as Superintendent after June 30, 2004. It has been a distinct pleasure to have served the Mont Vernon community and to have helped support the board, the administration, the teachers, and the staff in their work. I have been moved and inspired by the development of the Mont Vernon students and by the caring ways in which they are being raised in this town. I have been proud to be your Superintendent. I will think often of Mont Vernon and will miss this extraordinary school. Please accept my most sincere best wishes for continued happiness and learning.

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MONT VERNON VILLAGE SCHOOL YEAR 2003-04

This is the third annual report for the Mont Vernon School District since I have been the Principal.

I continue to enjoy the community involvement at the Village School. Working here for a third year has awarded me the opportunity for personal and professional growth. At first glance, our town and school may seem simple, however the picture quickly changes when one steps back and takes an inventory of all that happens in one calendar year. I think of our school as the building that never sleeps and the community that is one of consistent engagement. The school board, students, parents, faculty, and staff continue to remain steadfast in their commitment to high quality education for the children of Mont Vernon.

Student Learning

This area, in my opinion, is the most important aspect of my responsibilities as Principal. This year the faculty of the Village School has successfully implemented the first phase of the Critical Study Group (CSG) process. This would not have been as successful without the late starts that afforded us the most necessary resource to start such an endeavor—time. For the first time, teachers and staff members are able to meet in a collegial and safe environment for the specific purpose of looking at student work with trained coaches. Members of the staff who normally have had little contact with each other have valuable input into the learning process as well. Teachers have engaged in peer observations more this year than in any other year. Lesson planning and sharing has increased along with a sense of renewed energy toward professional growth. Another area of success is the process of the curriculum mapping that will emerge as a valuable tool for use in the CSG process, when examining student work. This has been the most rewarding work I have had the privilege of witnessing and participating in. With the help of Steve Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Professional Development, teachers in Mont Vernon are learning to use the software and see their work in “real time” to begin reflection, analysis and practical use in the second phase. Additionally, Steve Zdravec was able to acquire the World Language Grant for our students to begin learning French and Spanish in grades one through four. In 2003, Mont Vernon students continued to improve on the NHEAP test; third graders also performed very well in comparison to other NH third grade students. Not one Mont Vernon student in third grade scored in the novice area in Language Arts. The sixth grade students continued to rank among the top ten in the state.

Teachers

In June of 2003, we said “farewell and thank you” to Rosemary Curtis, who retired after thirty-two years as an outstanding teacher of young children. New faculty in the fall of 2003 include Jennifer Cheifetz (grade 6), Peter Varney (grade 5), and Nicole Desroiser (grade 3 half time job share with Megan Batten).

Building Issues

The year 2003 has witnessed an extraordinary number of building maintenance issues at the Village School. During the third week in December, school was closed due to roof leaks in several areas of the building. A decision was made by the school board to temporarily wrap the roof in a specially designed tarp, which resulted in its installation during the holiday break. Children returned to a safe, dry building on January 5, 2004. The school board and the administration continued to work collaboratively toward lasting solutions to be presented at the March School District Meeting of 2004. The entire school board and the parents who attended special meetings deserve special mention for the way in which these challenges were dealt with. The school board was very supportive during a difficult time for all. Each member of the board treated all who were concerned with professionalism, support, reassurance, and caring when responding to the many inherited problems. I am grateful to them.

New playground equipment was installed via the courtesy of the Saturn Dealership of Nashua. Mr. Swartz gave willingly of his time, money and his team to help install the new “state of the art” playground that awaits our children and townspeople during school and on weekends. Thank you Mr. Swartz!

Volunteerism

We continue to reap the rewards of an incredible PTA Organization and the volunteer program. This is an integral part of the Village School’s success and cannot be overlooked. Under the direction of Carol Fortin, communication has improved among parents, teachers, and the administration, along with constructive feedback and follow-through. During this school year, Dawn Gregory established the Stage Curtain Fund and has collected close to \$2,000 in donations. Thank you Dawn!

I congratulate all the students who did so well on the NHEIAP, and I commend the staff, current and past, for helping to prepare them so well.

Overall, despite the challenges and changes, the Village School continues to operate as a vibrant and caring school, one that values the development of every one of our students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert St.Cyr
Principal

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MONT VERNON SCHOOL BOARD
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003)

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information continued in this Report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 71-A of the Revised Statutes Annotated and regulation Chapter REV 1100, Financial Accounting for Local Education Agencies on file with the Administrative Procedures Act, and upon forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration.

PAMELA COUGHLIN
PETER KING
WILLIAM O'BRIEN
ROBERT MEAD
SUSAN SWARTZ
School Board

MICHAEL V. ANANIS, ED.D.
Superintendent of Schools

September 1, 2003

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUE (General Fund and Fund Equity) | \$2,921,193 |
|---|--------------------|

EXPENDITURES (General Fund)

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1100 Regular Education Programs | |
| Elementary Program | \$613,571 |
| Tuition – Amherst Middle School | <u>\$638,464</u> |
| | \$1,252,035 |
| 1200 Special Education Programs | \$477,903 |
| 2120 Guidance | \$11,646 |
| 2130 Health | \$35,739 |
| 2210 Improvement of Instruction | \$9,321 |
| 2220 Educational Media | \$37,294 |
| 2310 School Board | \$27,423 |
| 2320 Office of the Superintendent | \$66,085 |
| 2410 School Administration | \$115,031 |
| 2620 Operation/Maintenance of Plant | \$178,473 |
| 2720 Pupil Transportation | \$123,390 |
| 2840 Wide Area Network | \$1,844 |
| 2900 Benefits | \$260,915 |
| 4000 Facilities Acquisition and Construction | \$0 |
| 5100 Debt Services | \$257,044 |
| 5251 Transfer to Capital Reserve | \$50,000 |
| 5252 Transfer to Expendable Trust | <u>\$15,407</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>\$2,919,548</u> |

BALANCE SHEET
(As of June 30, 2003)

| Assets and Other Debits | Governmental fund Types | | Fiduciary Fund Type | Account Groups | | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Trust and Agency | General Fixed Assets | General Long-Term Debt | |
| Assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash & equivalents | \$159,663 | | \$1,134 | | | \$160,797 |
| Investments | \$102 | | | | | \$102 |
| Receivables | | | | | | |
| Accounts | \$3,267 | | | | | \$3,267 |
| Intergovernmental | \$32,517 | \$71,382 | \$71,012 | | | \$174,911 |
| Interfund receivable | \$50,776 | | | | | \$50,776 |
| Prepaid items | \$4,427 | | | | | \$4,427 |
| Fixed assets | | | | \$3,208,918 | | |
| Other debits: | | | | | | |
| Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt | | | | | \$1,185,000 | \$1,185,000 |
| | \$250,752 | \$71,382 | \$72,146 | \$3,208,918 | \$1,185,000 | \$4,788,198 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$205,004 | \$7,391 | | | | \$212,395 |
| Accrued Expenses | \$8,636 | | | | | \$8,636 |
| Intergovernmental payable | \$23,329 | | | | | \$23,329 |
| Interfund payable | | \$50,776 | | | | \$50,776 |
| Due to student groups | | | \$1,134 | | | \$1,134 |
| Deferred revenues | | \$13,215 | | | | \$13,215 |
| General obligation debt payable | | | | | \$1,185,000 | \$1,185,000 |
| | \$236,969 | \$71,382 | \$1,134 | | \$1,185,000 | \$1,484,485 |
| Equity: | | | | | | |
| Investment in general fixed assets | | | | \$3,208,918 | | \$3,208,918 |
| Fund balances | | | | | | |
| Reserved for encumbrances | \$5,859 | | | | | \$5,859 |
| Reserved for special purposes | | | \$71,012 | | | \$71,012 |
| Unreserved | | | | | | |
| Unreserved- Undesignated | \$7,924 | | | | | \$7,924 |
| | \$13,783 | | \$71,012 | \$3,208,918 | | \$3,293,713 |
| | \$250,752 | \$71,382 | \$72,146 | \$3,208,918 | \$1,185,000 | \$4,788,198 |

Village Elementary Renovation (Bonds)
(Total -- \$1,681,500)

\$1,177,050 Bonds Due in Annual Installments of \$57,050 in 1990; \$60,000 through 2005; and \$55,000 through 2009; Average interest at 7.66%.

\$504,450 Bonds Due in Annual Installments of \$29,450 in 1990; \$25,000 through 2009; Average interest at 7.49%.

REMAINING AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003)

| | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2004 | \$85,000 | \$37,628 | \$122,628 |
| 2005 | \$85,000 | \$31,186 | \$116,186 |
| 2006 | \$80,000 | \$24,677 | \$104,677 |
| 2007-2009 | \$240,000 | \$37,169 | \$277,169 |
| Total | \$490,000 | \$130,659 | \$620,659 |

VILLAGE ELEMENTARY EXPANSION
2002
(Bonds total \$872,662)

\$872,662 Bonds Due in Annual Installments of \$87,662 in 2001; \$90,000 through 2006; and \$85,000 through 2011; Average interest 5.14%.

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003)

| | Principal | Interest | Total |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2004 | \$90,000 | \$33,376 | \$123,376 |
| 2005 | \$90,000 | \$28,764 | \$118,764 |
| 2006 | \$85,000 | \$24,151 | \$109,151 |
| 2007-2011 | \$340,000 | \$54,740 | \$394,740 |
| Total | \$605,000 | \$141,031 | \$746,031 |

**Actual Expenditures for Special Education Programs and Services
FY 2001-2002 and FY 2002-2003 per RSA 32:11a**

| Item | FY 2001-2002 | FY 2002-2003 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expenditures: | | |
| Salaries | \$230,516 | \$237,169 |
| Employee Benefits | \$53,430 | \$57,105 |
| Purchased Services | \$365,293 | \$351,077 |
| Supplies | \$1,438 | \$2,611 |
| Equipment | \$394 | \$ - |
| Other | \$562 | \$ - |
| Total Expenditures | \$651,633 | \$647,962 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Catastrophic Aid | \$110,034 | \$42,909 |
| IDEA Grant | \$35,698 | \$40,943 |
| Medicaid | \$20,103 | \$7,632 |
| Total Revenues | \$165,835 | \$91,484 |
| Net Cost of Special Education | \$485,798 | \$556,478 |

Source: DOE 25

INSURANCE COVERAGE – 2002-2003

Special Multi-Peril Policy Includes:

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Building Insurance | Village School | \$2,487,100 |
| Building Contents | Village School | \$ 644,900 |
| Single Limit - Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage | | \$1,000,000 |
| General Liability Aggregate Limit | | \$2,000,000 |
| Faithful Performance | | \$ 500,000 |
| Treasurer's bond | | \$ 100,000 |
| Hire Auto and Non-Owner Auto Liability | | per occurrence |
| Bodily Injury Liability Limit | | \$1,000,000 |
| Errors and Omissions Insurance | | \$2,000,000 |
| Worker's Compensation | | Statutory Coverage |

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2002-2003

Number of Pupils Registered As of June 18, 2003: 254

Enrollment by Grades As Of June 18, 2003:

| | | | |
|----------------|----|-----------|----|
| Kindergarten - | 22 | | |
| Grade 1 - | 27 | Grade 4 - | 48 |
| Grade 2 - | 37 | Grade 5 - | 39 |
| Grade 3 - | 38 | Grade 6 - | 43 |

There were 12 students being home schooled.

Average Daily Attendance in Grades 1 through 6: 239.1

Number of One-Half Day Sessions In All Schools: 360

Total Professional Staff:

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Full-Time -- | 16 |
| Part-Time -- | 5 |

Pupils Tuitioned to Amherst as of June 18, 2003:

| | |
|------------|----|
| Grade VII | 44 |
| Grade VIII | 41 |

MONT VERNON GRADUATES -- 2003

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Abaid, Alexander | Guilfoyle, Meghan | Parent, Jacob |
| Anderson, Chris | Gustafson, Erika | Payne, Aurielle |
| Arnott, Matthew | Haas, Dana | Payne, Tyler |
| Bird, Hilary | Harmon, Roxanne | Philbrick, Samantha |
| Boisvert, David | Jameson, Courtney | Sanford, Harrison |
| Brooks, Thomas | Jones, Ryan | Sottile, Austin |
| Calderara, Brandon | LaManna, Nicole | Soucy, Marissa |
| Cheever, Randy | Lautenschlager, Danny | Tighe, L. Andrew |
| Coughlin, Kathryn | Lones, Malissa | Wahle, Rebecca |
| Elich, Joseph | Lumibao, Alexys | Wetmore, Christopher |
| Eveleth, Lacey | Mead, Amanda | White, Daniel |
| Foley, Shauna | Mellinger, Sarah | Williams, Jake |
| Gregory, Sabrina | Miller, Tyler | Workman, Samuel |
| Griffith, Amy | Murdock, Kelsey | |

Mont Vernon Staff Members – 2003/2004

| Name | Experience as of June 2003 | 02-03 Assignment | Degree | College/University | 03-04 Salary |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Batten, Meezan | 6 | Grade 3 | B.A. | Franklin Pierce College | \$ 17,652 |
| Button, Deborah | 27 | School Nurse-P.T. | B.S.N. | W. Virginia Wesleyan College | \$ 35,486 |
| Cheifetz, Jennifer | 3 | Grade 6 | M. Ed. | University of Pennsylvania | \$ 32,422 |
| Dagdigian, Shukh | 3 | Grade 3 | M. Ed. | U-Mass, Lowell | \$ 32,422 |
| Desrosiers, Nicole | 10 | Grade 3 | B.A. | Rivier College | \$ 18,514 |
| Dunn, Gretchen | 25 | Kindergarten | B.A. | Ohio University | \$ 48,667 |
| Farmer, Martha | 8 | Grade 5 | M. Ed. | Antioch New England | \$ 39,333 |
| Findlay, Wilmerlee | 23 | Music - P.T. | B.M. Ed. | Howard University | \$ 18,933 |
| Galan, Cheryl | 10 | Special Education | M. Ed. | Antioch New England | \$ 43,220 |
| Jordan, Barry | 27 | Grade 4 | B.S. | Salem State College | \$ 47,333 |
| MacKelvey, Christine | 6 | Tech. Specialist | B.S. | Empire State College | \$ 33,176 |
| Mattie, Janet | 4 | Grade 2 | M. Ed. | Rivier College | \$ 34,497 |
| Narducci, Linda | 13 | P.E. - P.T. | B.A. | Trenton State | \$ 17,100 |
| Philbotte, Loren | 5 | Grade 1 | B.A. | Franklin Pierce College | \$ 32,038 |
| Rancourt, Lisa | 15 | Art - P.T. | B.A. | S.U.N.Y. - Buffalo | \$ 18,400 |
| Richard, Anne | 9 | Special Education | M. Ed. | Rivier College | \$ 41,773 |
| Richardson, Ann | 10 | Grade 1 | M. Ed. | University of New Hampshire | \$ 42,094 |
| Sandahl, Nancy | 28 | Grade 5 | B.S. | Keene State College | \$ 47,333 |
| St. Cyr, Robert | 18 | Principal | M. Ed. | Notre Dame College | \$ 64,272 |
| Steele, Amy | 8 | Grade 2 | B.S. | Memphis State University | \$ 35,625 |
| Tighe, Kimberly | 19 | Grade 4 | B.S. | Keene State College | \$ 46,000 |
| Varney, A. Peter | 0 | Grade 5 | B.S. | Notre Dame College | \$ 27,204 |

Support Staff:

Baver, Andrea
Cheever, Lynn
Crawford, Brian
Curry, Nancy
Diamantopoulos, Deborah
Daniels, Robert
Eusebio, Mary Ann
Jameson, Charlotte
Kibbie, Olivia
Melanson, Dennis
Menendez, Jose
Patten, Cheryl
Pomeroy, Linda
Rendell, Robert
Smith, Sheila
Soucy, Sharon
Webber, Sandy

Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Title I Tutor - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Secretary - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current
Custodian - Current
Custodian - Current
Secretary - Current
Title I Tutor - Current
Custodian - Current
Secretary - Current
Title I Tutor - Current
Sp. Ed. Assistant - Current

**MINUTES OF THE
MONT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

MARCH 11, 2003

Approximately 150 people gathered in the multipurpose room of the Mont Vernon Village School on March 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. for the annual School District Meeting.

Moderator Peter Hayden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance. Andrew Dean gave the Invocation. Mr. Hayden read the warrant, and read aloud his rules for proceedings, which were also available for everyone present in handout form. The procedures were basically Robert's Rules of order but Mr. Hayden pointed out that he would not accept motions to reconsider or table, and would also not accept amendments to amendments, and asked speakers to keep comments to 3 minutes. He stated that anyone might challenge his rules now or during the meeting.

Mr. Hayden then introduced the School Board: chairperson Pamela Coughlin, David Giulianelli, Timothy Allen, Bill O'Brien, and Peter King; the Budget Committee: chairperson Susan Swartz, Paul Apple, Mike Fimbel, Scott Foster, Barbara Millar, Bill O'Brien, Peter Savo; Superintendent of SAU #39 Dr. Michael Ananis, Assistant Superintendent Michael Galan, and Village School Principal Robert St. Cyr.

ARTICLE 2 To hear the reports of officers, agents and auditors, and to take action with reference thereto.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded. Coughlin then commented that on page 9 of the school section in the Town Report (Report of the School Board Chairman), the school population for June 2002 is listed as 268, but should be 239.

The voters passed Article 2.

ARTICLE 3 To see if the school district, pursuant to RSA 189:28-a II, will raise \$80,000 to offset an unanticipated general fund deficit in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, said deficit caused by the unanticipated increase in the number of educationally disabled students requiring program placement and other related services, emergency repairs to the Village School, unanticipated increases in the number of Mont Vernon students tuitioned to Amherst Middle School, and unanticipated legal expenses. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Pam Coughlin and Peter King explained the need for these funds. King noted the burst water pipe, mold problems due to moisture, need for \$5K for a drainage system to drain water away from the building, and the need to replace carpet in one classroom. Peter Savage asked if the water damage in the school was due to work being done improperly. King

responded that the damage was not a failure in the heating system, but due to years of patchwork fixes, and the fact that volunteer groups created holes in the ceiling while running wires.

Dollar breakdown resulting in the \$80,000 deficit:

\$51,000 Amherst Middle School tuition

\$18,500 out-of-district transportation

\$16,500 legal services

\$15,000 building repairs

-\$37,000 reallocated line items

\$16,000 catastrophic aid shortfall

The voters passed Article 3.

ARTICLE 4 To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,283,176 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said district; and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state and federal government, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Town Selectmen the balance between the estimate revenue and the appropriation to be raised by taxation. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Coughlin stated that she wished to clarify the Board's policies regarding mailings, in response to a mailing that she received on Monday. She read parts of the Mont Vernon Board Policies BBAA and BCA, the basic points being that "board members have no authority except at board meetings" and that board members strive to "take no private action that will comprise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or non-public session."

Dr. Ananis then gave a presentation. Projected cost per pupil of \$6,742 is down \$37 from last year. Biggest hikes in the budget are tuition to Amherst Middle School 22.8% and 21.5% Special Education. Two major increases are 40.8% Amherst Middle School tuition and 25.6% Special Education. Biggest tax impacts are deficit appropriation and capital reserve fund. Projected tax rate of \$17.02 is up \$1.21 from last year.

Eileen Naber asked for clarification of bottom line of operating budget, as the printed warrant in the town report didn't match the handout or slide presentation. One of the materials was operating budget only. Coughlin pointed out that the Board intends to amend the bottom line.

Gerry Griffin asked for clarification of what Coughlin was referring to when she read the mailing policy. Coughlin responded that a school

board member sent out a mailing as an individual, not as a board member. Bill O'Brien asked if she was referring to his mailing. She responded yes. Bill O'Brien noted that his mailing to the voters did not claim it was from the school board, and defended his right to communicate to voters as an individual. Carol Fortin, PTA President, suggested that it would have been clearer that he was writing as an individual if he hadn't included "Member, Mont Vernon School Board" after his name.

Pam Coughlin moved to amend Article 4 to \$3,133,176. David Giulianelli seconded. The voters passed the amendment.

Line 10-1100-112-100 Salaries - Teachers

Tim Allen gave a thorough presentation on the collective bargaining agreement. The average staff member's benefits represent 29.6% of their compensation. There are 16 regular teachers and a retirement payment for 1 retiring teacher. In comparison to 12 neighboring communities, Mont Vernon is not competitive in the minimum Bachelor's-degree-level teacher's salary category; 2.4% was added to repair that, at a cost of \$1,489. This year all step increases were straight-lined so that it will be easier to make budget projections for the future. The bottom line increase was \$39,861 or 5.68%. The retiring teacher will either not be replaced or replaced at a lower salary level, resulting in a projected \$10,629 savings. Total impact: \$29,232 or 4.17%.

Now speaking as an individual, Allen outlined 5 different alternatives to retaining two teachers.

Kim Roberge stated her opposition to Allen's inclusion of his 5 alternatives with the school board presentation handout and overhead slides, although she would love to see people from the audience come forth with 3-minute presentations next year.

Patrick Steenhoek, resident and Amherst Middle School teacher, commented that he would rather see the board make staffing decisions, not the townspeople.

Line 10-1100-330-100 504 Expenses

Peter King, speaking as an individual and not from the School Board, moved to amend this line to \$500. Kim Roberge seconded.

Peter explained that this line is for things some children need, such as pencil grips, special keyboards, magnifying glasses, etc. Bill O'Brien added that the initial proposal was \$1,000 but the specific uses were never defined; he feels funding this line item will only allow it to grow every year henceforth.

The voters passed the motion to amend this line +\$500.

Kim Roberge moved to restrict reconsideration of line 10-1100-112-100 Salaries -Teachers. Gerry Griffin made a point of order, saying that this motion isn't applicable to a line item, by state law. The voters passed the motion to restrict reconsideration.

Tim Allen moved and Eileen Naber seconded, to vote on whether the motion to restrict reconsideration is out of order. He appeals the decision of the moderator. Mr. Hayden states that the ruling stands. Tony Immorlica asked if there would be discussion. Hayden responded that he didn't think reconsideration was discussable, but would look it up at Immorlica's request. Immorlica agreed. Being unable to find a conclusive answer, Hayden opened the discussion.

Tony Immorlica noted that the Teachers Salary line is one of the largest budget items, and we might want to reconsider it. Bill O'Brien noted that there was no motion to reconsider. Mr. Hayden stated that once we are done with a line item, we are done with it. O'Brien found the motion to restrict reconsideration out of order, as we are still amending line items, not yet voting on the bottom line of this article.

Al Ryder stated that he would rather hear a discussion of the pros and cons of replacing two teachers, not a parliamentary parrty. Gerry Griffin added that the DRA may require us to hold another meeting if we make a procedural error; you can't restrict reconsideration of this line item; let there be a debate.

Mr. Hayden then rejected the motion to restrict reconsideration and asked if anyone wished to amend line 10-1100-112-100, but repeated his policy that once we have addressed a line item, we are done with it.

Line 10-1100-112-100 Salaries - Teachers (again)

Bill O'Brien moved to reduce this line item by \$90,440. Tim Allen seconded.

O'Brien referred to one of the voters' handouts, which addressed minimum standards. The standards don't have to be met in order for the Board of Education to approve our school, he said. Allen outlined a proposal to replace two teachers with two teaching assistants, so a team of one teacher and one teaching assistant would supervise 28 students.

Mr. Hayden asked for a withdrawal of the motion, because it impacts two separate line items. O'Brien withdrew the motion and moved to reduce this line to \$87,904. Allen seconded.

Carol Fortin stated that 25 or less students require a full teacher - If this passes we won't be an approved school and won't get aid. She referred to a voter handout.

David Giulianelli added that the School Board debated this option. Speaking as an individual, he doesn't see enrollment dropping

off enough to justify dropping teachers. The proposed budget results in two classes with 14 students, but this is not unreasonably low. NH Dept. of Education class size recommendation for grades K-3 is 18. He added that a multi-age classroom situation might work, perhaps next year.

Barbara Millar noted that the Budget Committee supported the proposed budget 6-1 - The early primary grades especially deserve fewer students per class.

Tony Immorlica commended O'Brien and Allen for taking a stand - The budget increase is terribly high this year, numbers don't mean quality, supported the amendment. Selectman Peter Savage asked the voters to keep their tax bills in mind.

Steenhoek stated that 28 kids in a Grade 2 class is a nightmare, and forces curriculum to be limited. Pointed out that we need to stay competitive with neighboring schools.

Several others spoke against the motion, pleading for quality of education.

Zoe Fimbel asked how many kids and teachers are in classrooms throughout the day. Principal St. Cyr responded that aids work within the regular classrooms in an inclusionary setting. Sometimes there are two adults per class.

Anne Dodd moved the question. Eileen Naber seconded. The voters moved the question.

The motion to reduce the salary line failed.

Sheryl Porter pointed out that this line item represents a relatively large tax impact. Al Ryder asked for rational arguments on how many teachers we need; what if we get more students this year?

Tim Allen moved to reduce this line by \$33,176. Bill O'Brien seconded.

Allen explained that he felt the school was overstaffed. He added that the argument that the school wouldn't be approved is misleading. Bill O'Brien asked the voters to take this opportunity to decrease the budget.

Kim Roberge spoke against the motion, saying the 11.86% increase is due to Special Education costs and tuition to Amherst Middle School. She insisted the school won't be approved with 28 students per class.

The motion to reduce the line by \$33,176 failed.

Kathy Dobbs moved to restrict reconsideration of this line item. Mr. Hayden stated we are going through the budget line by line, and when we are done, we are done. Last call for amendments on this line.

Mike Fimbel asked the School Board and PTA to come up with a multi-age solution.

Line 10-1100-114-100 Salaries - Instructional Assistants

Kim Roberge asked why this line was zeroed out. David Giulianelli responded that the administration is investigating innovative ways to schedule the day so that teachers can have 30-minute breaks while still covering recess. As of yet, there is no plan.

Kim Roberge moved to increase this line from \$0 to \$8,640. Carol Fortin seconded.

Roberge suggested there must be a liability issue if recess isn't probably supervised.

Barbara Millar noted that the Budget Committee supported a \$0 amount. Savage concurred. O'Brien suggested a 10 minute increase in length of school day would solve the problem; we shouldn't throw money at every problem.

Several spoke in favor of better recess coverage.

David Giulianelli explained that the \$8,640 originally included would have funded 3 people, 2 hours per day, at \$8/hour. Peter King added that the board needed to cut somewhere and this was something we can do without.

Several others spoke, for and against.

Fortin moved the question. Allen seconded. The voters moved the question.

The motion to increase this line \$8,640 failed.

Line 10-1112-890-000 Deficit Appropriation

Eileen Naber asked if \$80K was included in the bottom line. Dr. Ananis pointed out that no, it was a separate warrant article, as is the Capital Reserve Fund money.

Line 10-1210-112-100 Salaries-Special Education

Peter Savage asked if the special education floater was still there and at what cost. If the law doesn't mandate it, he said, we shouldn't have to fund it. Pam Coughlin responded that this Instructional Assistant provides support services to 26 students from grades 4, 5, and

6 from 8:15 AM - 3 PM. Savage asked if the law requires this staff person. Kathy Skoglund, Director of Special Ed Services for the SAU, responded that the law is based on implementation of IEPs. This staff person manages 26 IEPs. He asked if this was a high number - high, she said, but not abnormally high.

Line 10-1220-338-000 Other Special Ed Services

Peter Savage asked if we were still paying for physical therapy, why, and how much. Kathy Skoglund responded that it is for children whose physical disabilities limit their ability to function in the classroom, \$7,500.

Savage moved to reduce this line by \$7,500. Jim Henderson seconded. The motion failed.

Line 10-2320-310-100 Mgmt Services

Al Ryder moved to reduced this line \$1. Eileen Naber seconded.

Ryder argued that this line creeps, and sometimes jumps, up and up every year without explanation. O'Brien responded that the Board gave the SAU a mandate to cap the increase at 5% this year and they stuck to it. Tim Allen added that the SAU budget is set by the SAU Board, which is comprised of 17 members from the Mont Vernon, Amherst Middle School, and Souhegan Coop boards; the public doesn't vote on it. He added, as an individual and state representative, that a bill is currently in the works which would create a separate article on the SAU warrant for this. Griffin asked how many of our board attend the meeting. Allen couldn't say definitively but vouched for his own attendance.

The voters passed the motion to reduce this line \$1.

Line 10-2410-115-100 Secretarial Salaries

Charlotte Jamison asked why the town report number is \$1,000 higher than the warrant handout. Michael Galan responded that the handout is correct.

Peter Savage noted that last year we discussed an extra secretary. Why is there a 24% increase this year? David Giulianelli responded that this represents a 3% raise for two secretaries and 5 additional hours per

week for 1 secretary. The 5 hours are necessary to help with special ed paperwork. Savage asked why it isn't in the special ed line item. Galan outlined the secretary's time: 4 hours general admin and 2 special ed; this year the proposal is to have her do 6 hours general admin, and hire a part-time special ed person. Sheila Smith spoke in favor of the line as proposed, saying the extra hours are absolutely necessary. David Giulianelli said his first statement was misleading; the special ed hours

are in the special ed line item. Peter Savage asked for justification of the extra 5 hours for this secretary and asked what the associated cost was.

Savage moved to reduce this line by \$1,917. Bob Naber seconded. The motion failed.

Zoe Fimbel asked if we added another special ed staff member. Michael Galan responded yes, a part-time position, 3 hours/day, no benefits. Fimbel protested - we should have been told another position was being added.

Line 2620-435-100 Miscellaneous Repairs

Peter King moved to increase this line from \$5,000 to \$20,000. David Giulianelli seconded.

King explained that this line is a catch-all line, but this year we have some specific needs which can't wait.

\$6,400 is to replace wet moldy carpet with tile in 4 classrooms

\$6,000 is for modifications to 3 bathrooms to make them appropriate for kids, scald-proof

\$2,600 is for miscellaneous items

King then changed his amendment to \$15,000 rather than \$20,000. David Giulianelli seconded.

Eileen Naber noted that we have a separate warrant article for building inspection; we have a maintenance account with \$15,730, why not use that? King responded that the non-lapsing maintenance account is for exterior repairs. He added that these repairs can't be put off until after inspection.

Tony Immorlica asked for a breakdown of all maintenance related items. King responded:

\$2,400 for 2 double interior doors

\$4,200 to move boiler away from other boiler, to make it possible to clean it

\$1,800 Rekey building; too many unaccounted-for keys

\$1,800 Security system

\$5,000 Drainage work and floor repairs

\$12,500 Siding replacement on west side, first grade wing

Griffin asked for clarification whether this motion was the School Board's or King's. It is King's. Griffin felt spending was getting out of control. When taxes get out of hand, property values drop, and noted that new arrivals to town are hurt most.

Mike Fimbel felt bathrooms should be part of a long-term plan. Zoe Fimbel thought maybe the double doors could wait. Savage asked other Board members' opinions.

O'Brien: Wants professional engineer to give us a plan to follow.
Opposed:
Giulianelli: We should address the immediate concerns.
Allen: Cannot support raising this line, as salaries line was not lowered
Coughlin: Wants long-range plan first

Savage moved the question. Tony Immorlica seconded. The voters moved the question.

The voters passed the motion to increase this line \$15,000 by standing vote 79-67.

The voters passed Article 4 with the amended amount \$3,143,675.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,880 to fund an architectural and engineering analysis of the Village School, the report from which will be used to inform school board action with respect to providing safe, efficient, and useful school facilities for the district. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Peter King spoke for the article, saying we would be taking the opportunity to piggy-back on an Amherst Middle School maintenance plan project. This is no job for amateurs. We would receive a needs assessment, maintenance plan, and cost estimates. This would be less expensive than emergency repairs.

The voters passed Article 5 as written.

ARTICLE 6 To see whether the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to pay any and all preliminary expenses incurred by the school board relative to the preliminary 'due diligence' efforts involved in acquiring real estate for a prospective school site. This appropriation is intended to include, but not be limited to, site assessment costs, title search expenses, consulting engineer fees and similar related expenses typically associated with the preliminary evaluation of the suitability of land for its intended purpose. The school board recommends passage of this article. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and a Special warrant article, as those terms apply in RSA 32. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Peter King explained that this and Article 7 relate to the purchase of a future school site. He gave a slide presentation from the Future School Site Committee, whose job it was to find land, not to determine

what kind of school was needed. 8 prospective parcels were selected. The next step is continued evaluation and engineering studies, title searches, preliminary site plans, with the goal of bringing a purchase proposal before the town next year.

Peter Savage asked if the \$10,000 was additional, or would it come from the \$50,000 authorized last year. King answered it was additional; last year's \$50,000 was designated for land purchase.

After a brief discussion the voters passed Article 6 by standing vote, 71-54.

ARTICLE 7 To see whether the school district will vote to amend the terms of the Capital Reserve Fund established at the March 15, 2002, annual district meeting which was created for the purpose of 'acquiring land within Mont Vernon suitable for a future school,' so that the procedure for expenditure of said fund that was adopted at that meeting, which designated the school board as agents to expend the fund by unanimous vote of the school board, would be deleted, so that in the future, no expenditures would be made from said fund without the vote of the district, in accordance with RSA 35:15, (II)(a). Furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$50,000) Dollars, to be added to said Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The school board recommends this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Peter King explained that this article would correct the language from last year's article, and add \$50,000 more to the fund. Gerry Griffin suggested splitting the article into two parts; language and money. Peter King suggested zeroing it out. Griffin would agree to that.

Eileen Naber pointed out that a vote against this Article would not repair the wording.

Mr. Hayden stated that the voters would first address the change in wording, which requires town vote on expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund. Hearing no discussion he called for a vote.

The voters passed the first sentence of Article 7.

Peter King moved and Pam Coughlin seconded, to amend the Article 7 funding to \$0.

Eileen Naber pointed out that since we can't purchase the land with cash anyway, \$50,000 from last year is adequate. Ryder and Savage agreed.

The voters passed the motion to amend the second sentence of Article 7 to \$0.

The voters passed Article 7, the first sentence unchanged, and the second sentence amended with a \$0 amount.

ARTICLE 8 To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,852 to fund the first year's contribution to Amherst School District as payment for the capital improvements to the Amherst Middle School; annual payments thereafter would be included in the Mont Vernon School District operating budget. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Bill O'Brien explained that we are not legally obligated to do this but he is in support of it. Peter Savage opposes it on principle; we would be paying for capital improvements we don't own. Several others spoke briefly for and against, some pointing to a moral obligation to our good relationship with Amherst, others pointing to our secession 200 years ago from Amherst.

Jay Wilson asked if this Article would lock us into any certain timeframe. O'Brien responded no; we have to give 1 year notice if we want to withdraw from our arrangement with the Amherst Middle School. Hayden pointed out that this Article does not commit us for future years. Griffin pointed out that Amherst would not have had to build on or as soon if Mont Vernon students weren't there.

The voters passed Article 8 as written.

ARTICLE 9 Whereas NH School Districts face ever tightening budgets; and Whereas NH School Districts are finding it increasingly difficult to raise and appropriate sufficient dollars on the local level to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed an undue and heavy financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the District vigorously oppose the Federal government's not funding or under-funding any and all federal educational mandates, including but not limited to, those contained in the recently enacted No Child Left Behind Law as well as those mandates historically unfunded within the IDEA/Special Education Laws. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

Peter Savage asked if the Board would continue to send letters to officials every quarter. Dr. Ananis replied, yes.

The voters passed Article 9 as written.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the school district will appropriate special revenue funds for the support of Federal Projects as follows: \$150,000. Such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources. The school board supports this article. Majority vote required to pass.

Pam Coughlin moved the article as read. David Giulianelli seconded.

The voters passed Article 10 as written.

ARTICLE 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Pam Coughlin presented David Giulianelli with a plaque for his 3 years of service to the School Board, and praised his long list of accomplishments on behalf of the children of Mont Vernon.

Kim Roberge asked for a directive from the School Board regarding public relations. She would like to see improved communication between the public and the Board.

Carol Fortin gave special thanks to the voters, David Giulianelli, the well-behaved children and their babysitters.

Eileen Naber moved to adjourn. Peter Savage seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hayden adjourned the meeting at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,.

Victoria Arico
Mont Vernon School District Clerk

The back cover collage:

August: Old Home Days

Roberta Wilkins and the Navy Honor Guard, Opening Ceremony,
Holly Fimbel and Chuck Herscovici, NH National Guard vehicle.
Governor Craig Benson and the Bicentennial Committee float
driven by Alex Hageman.

September: Lamson Farm Barn Dance

M.T. Pockets Band.

October: Senior Expo

Hazel Milligan, Helen Saunders and Peg Stacy.

November: Veteran's Day War Memorial Re-dedication

John Vinsel, David Hall, Bob Wolfe, Al Dudley,
David Testerman, Jay Wilson and Sean Mamone.

December: Birthday Party and Fireworks

Mont Vernon's Tapestry Birthday Cake with
State Representative, Tim Allen.

The Bicentennial Committee; Zoe Fimbel, Jay Wilson,
Shirley Levesque, Eileen Naber, Anne Dodd, Dawn Lyon,
Alan Smith and Vicky Arico.







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